

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
Town Officers
OF THE
Town of Brimfield



AND OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1950

THE PALMER REGISTER, Inc.

Palmer, Mass.

1951

Brimfield Town Report

1950 - 1955

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Town Officers --- 1950

Town Clerk

MABEL B. PEIRCE

Treasurer

EUGENIA P. TARBELL

Tax Collector

ALMA L. FOGG

Selectmen

EDWIN F. FENTON ANDREW W. GONDEK
GEORGE B. ADAMS, JR.

Assessors

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| EDWARD J. KILLIAN | Term expires 1951 |
| JOHN P. MOORE | Term expires 1952 |
| JOHN M. HALEY | Term expires 1953 |

School Committee

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| FRANCES M. LEMMELIN | Term expires 1951 |
| HENRY LACH | Term expires 1952 |
| ROGER W. BENNETT | Term expires 1953 |

Board of Public Welfare

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| JAMES A. G. HOYT | Term expires 1951 |
| EVELYN B. LANDEN | Term expires 1952 |
| LLEWELLYN B. NORTON | Term expires 1953 |

Cemetery Commission

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| EVERETT D. LANDEN | Term expires 1951 |
| CHENEY F. NEWTON | Term expires 1952 |
| GEORGE E. HITCHCOCK | Term expires 1953 |

Library Trustees

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| ROBERT E. BRUCE | Term expires 1951 |
| ALMA L. FOGG | Term expires 1951 |
| AGNES B. HICKS | Term expires 1952 |
| JOHN G. MANTER | Term expires 1952 |
| CHARLES A. DeLAND, Jr. | Term expires 1953 |
| EUGENIA P. TARBELL | Term expires 1953 |

Tree Warden

PERCY N. MOORE

Constables

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| RAYMOND D. CLARKE | GEORGE E. HITCHCOCK |
| HENRY LACH | HARRY B. LANDEN |
| CHESTER H. NORTON | |

Trustees Harding Fund

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| JAMES A. G. HOYT | Term expires 1951 |
| EDWARD J. KILLIAN | Term expires 1952 |
| ALMA W. BISSELL | Term expires 1953 |

Appointive Town Officers 1950

Town Accountant

FRANK S. GIFFORD

Superintendent of Streets

HAROLD E. HITCHCOCK

Chief Fire Dept. & Forest Warden

STANLEY C. HICKS

Inspector of Animals

CHESTER H. NORTON

Inspector of Slaughtering

DANIEL H. WELLS, Jr.

Sealer of Weights & Measures

ERNEST J. COLLETTE

Moth Superintendent

PERCY N. MOORE

Agent Board of Health

DR. ROBERT BUSH

Burial Agent

ALFRED WIGGLESWORTH

Measurer of Wood & Bark

J. FREDERICK LAWRENCE

Field Drivers

HAROLD JOHNSON

RALPH L. STANTON

Finance Committee

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| JAMES C. HATCH | Term expires 1951 |
| HERMAN HAVEN | Term expires 1951 |
| LEO LAVIGNE | Term expires 1951 |
| DENZIL BAGSTER-COLLINS | Term expires 1952 |
| JOSEPH DMUCHOVSKY | Term expires 1952 |
| SAMUEL ORMSBEE | Term expires 1952 |
| DAVID B. BROWN | Term expires 1953 |
| NOAH D. FOUNTAIN | Term expires 1953 |
| FENTON R. HASTINGS | Term expires 1953 |

Jury List

| | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| PHILIP T. BROWN | RICHARD J. BROWN |
| JOSEPH DMUCHOVSKY | GEORGE E. HITCHCOCK |
| HAROLD D. JOHNSTON | HARRY B. LANDEN |
| JAMES E. McINTYRE | LLEWELLYN B. NORTON |

Town Clerk's Report

LICENSES ISSUED FOR THE DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND GAME

75 Resident Fishing
 33 Resident Women's and Minor's Fishing
 7 Special Non-Resident Fishing
 9 Non-Resident Fishing
 38 Resident Hunting
 54 Resident Sporting
 18 Resident Sporting (Free)
 1 Resident Military Sporting (Free)
 1 Non-Resident Military Sporting
 1 Resident Trapping

DOGS LICENSED—1950

| | | |
|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 130 Male | @ \$2.00 | \$260.00 |
| 31 Female | @ \$5.00 | 155.00 |
| 46 Spayed | @ \$2.00 | 92.00 |
| 2 Kennel | @ \$25.00 | 50.00 |
| 3 Kennel | @ \$10.00 | 30.00 |

| | | |
|------------------------------|--|----------|
| | | \$587.00 |
| Less Clerk's fees, 212 @ 20¢ | | 42.40 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Balance paid Treasurer | | \$544.60 |

BIRTHS RECORDED

| Date | Name | Parents |
|----------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| January | | |
| 21 | Catherine Loretta Livernois | Albert J. and Hazel Puduski |
| 24 | David George Wesson | Norman O. and Katherine Dockham |
| 25 | Edward Walter Gondek | Andrew W. and Kathryn MacNamara |
| 26 | Joseph Henry Bonneau | Arthur J. and Mary Michalezyk |
| February | | |
| 22 | James Michael Tucker | Jack E. and Dorothy McKenney |
| March | | |
| 3 | Ellen Charlotte Peloquin | George R. and Charlotte Murphy |
| 23 | Judith Lorraine Metcalf | Robert H. and Shirley Smith |
| April | | |
| 10 | Daniel Dmuchovsky | Joseph and Anastasia Lapchak |
| 19 | John Landen Sherman, Jr. | John L. and Fia Bracci |
| 28 | Shiela Berniece Michalec | John L. and Freda Nichols |
| May | | |
| 12 | Lois Jane Loughin | Marcellus and Lois Place |
| 15 | Jane Frances Wesson | James N. and Lorraine Gillette |
| 31 | Elizabeth Anne McKinnon | Neil and Elizabeth Murdoch |
| July | | |
| 29 | Rodney Wayne Pease | Robert W. and Sybil Dickinson |
| August | | |
| 3 | Nadine Conner Allen | Frank R. Jr. and Marian Hollingshead |
| 5 | Stillborn | |
| 19 | Paul Bernard Gerard | Mathew H. and Peggy Terry |
| 19 | Howard Edward Boyd, Jr. | Howard E. and Grace Nichols |
| 23 | Eugene Erving Roberts | Eugene I. and Constance Greenwood |

| Date | Name | Parents |
|-----------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| September | | |
| 19 | Suzanne Delia Branniff | Donald J. and Gabrielle LaPlante |
| October | | |
| 21 | Patricia Lee Thompson | Roy O. and Grace Sherman |
| 31 | David Howard Keith | Clarence H. and Barbara Wood |
| November | | |
| 1 | Paul Louis Morin | Lionel L. and Lucy Gauthier |
| 3 | Kathleen Marie Martin | Louis E. and Marie Curran |
| 7 | John Edward Waleski | Edward J. and Irene Julian |
| 17 | Mark Harwood | George N. and Henrietta Kresco |
| 20 | Joseph Lyman Gaudette | Hector J. and Marie Haney |
| December | | |
| 4 | Steven Clark Buker | Melvin O. and Virginia Clark |
| 7 | James Edward Killian | Edward J. and Marjorie Draper |
| 11 | Bruce Allen Miner | Theodore and Rita Brunell |

MARRIAGES RECORDED

| Date | Groom | Residence | Bride | Residence |
|---------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| January | | | | |
| 14 | Stanley F. Gruszczynski | | Dorothy M. (Kenyon) | Stacy |
| | | Palmer | | Palmer |
| May | | | | |
| 6 | John Edward Haley | Palmer | Patricia Mary Moore | Brimfield |
| July | | | | |
| 1 | Normand Joseph Aurele | | Blanche Lucienne St. Pierre | |
| | | Benoit | | |
| | | Fiskdale | | Bimfield |
| 15 | Frank C. Dickinson, Jr. | | Louise May Houghton | Warren |
| | | Brimfield | | |

| Date | Groom | Residence | Bride | Residence |
|------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|
|------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|

September

| | | | | |
|----|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 2 | Richard Noble Hicks | | Shirley Evelyn Ouellette | |
| | | Brimfield | | Brimfield |
| 30 | Normand A. St. Pierre | | Marian A. Panetta | Holland |
| | | Brimfield | | |

October

| | | | | |
|----|------------------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 15 | Charles A. Sellon | | Clara T. Skowyra | Brimfield |
| | | Dorchester | | |
| 21 | Edward F. Gilman | | Irene J. Goodreau | Palmer |
| | | Brimfield | | |
| 30 | Frank James Richardson | | Doris Darcy | Dublin, Ireland |
| | | Brimfield | | |

December

| | | | | |
|----|---------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------|
| 3 | Robert J. MacConnell, Jr. | | Barbara E. Nichols | |
| | | Brimfield | | Springfield |
| 23 | Harold P. Hatch | Amherst | Francis L. Stegner | Brimfield |

DEATHS RECORDED

| Date | Name | Years | Months | Days |
|------|------|-------|--------|------|
|------|------|-------|--------|------|

January

| | | | | |
|----|--------------------------|----|---|----|
| 7 | Jennie (Beauleau) Bashaw | 70 | — | — |
| 11 | Maud Oldham | 82 | 5 | 10 |
| 17 | Effie M. (Cordner) Beals | 66 | — | — |
| 30 | Francis A. Langevin | 61 | 1 | 1 |

March

| | | | | |
|----|-----------------------|----|---|---|
| 15 | Margaret Frances Lumb | 90 | 1 | 8 |
|----|-----------------------|----|---|---|

April

| | | | | |
|----|--------------------|----|---|----|
| 4 | Philomene Langevin | 83 | — | — |
| 17 | Harrison C. Clarke | 74 | 6 | 29 |
| 29 | Elizabeth J. Moore | 83 | — | — |

May

| | | | | |
|----|---------------------------|----|---|----|
| 25 | Flora A. (Moore) DeForest | 88 | 2 | 20 |
|----|---------------------------|----|---|----|

| Date | Name | Years | Months | Days |
|-----------|--------------------------|-------|--------|------|
| June | | | | |
| 3 | Henry Snow | 6 | 0 | 18 |
| 21 | James Ernest Birdsall | 70 | 9 | 17 |
| July | | | | |
| 30 | Adelaide M. Knowlton | 79 | — | — |
| August | | | | |
| 5 | Anita (Poirier) Tremblay | 42 | 4 | 18 |
| 5 | Stillborn | — | — | — |
| 9 | Effie (Day) Davis | 60 | — | — |
| September | | | | |
| 5 | George Nelson Tripp | 84 | 5 | 10 |
| 27 | Emil Carl Wunsch | 67 | 10 | 0 |
| October | | | | |
| 29 | Judith Ann Musgrove | 4 | 2 | 23 |
| November | | | | |
| 7 | Emmaetta (Gould) Butler | 90 | 7 | 18 |
| 22 | Dennis Cullen | 3 | 2 | 10 |
| December | | | | |
| 11 | Frances Wilson Belcher | 83 | 9 | 27 |

BURIALS FROM OTHER PLACES

| | | Yrs. | Mos. | Dys. |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|------|------|------|
| December 1949 | Mrs. Edith Moore of Springfield | 81 | 5 | 6 |
| January 1, 1950 | Mrs. Ora Leno of Chicopee | 70 | — | — |
| April 16, 1950 | John Wetherell of Brookfield | 85 | — | — |
| April 19, 1950 | Charles Blodgett of Warren | 75 | 10 | 24 |
| July 14, 1950 | Mrs. Celia Gregory of Stafford, Conn. | 82 | — | — |
| August 7, 1950 | Mrs. Marion Sleeper of Springfield | | | |

Respectfully submitted,

MABEL B. PEIRCE
Town Clerk

Treasurer's Report

| | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1950 | \$35,375.88 | |
| Receipts during year | 257,961.26 | |
| | <hr/> | \$293,337.14 |
| Paid on treasury warrants | \$231,067.98 | |
| Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1950 | 62,269.16 | |
| | <hr/> | \$293,337.14 |

HARRIET T. BROWN

Temporary Treasurer

I have verified the treasurer's balance and have made an actual count of her cash on hand.

FRANK S. GIFFORD

Town Accountant

Jan. 1, 1951

Report of the Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

General Revenue—Taxes

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Current Year | \$43,430.50 | |
| Previous Years | 5,938.91 | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax | 8,450.66 | |
| Classified Forest Land Tax 1950 | 891.82 | |
| Classified Forest Land Tax 1949 | 273.78 | |
| Reimb. Loss of Taxes (State) | 938.78 | |
| Meals Tax | 432.07 | |
| Sale of Tax Possessions | 88.80 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$80,032.40 |

Grants and Gifts from State

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------|------------|
| Vocational Education | \$184.79 | |
| Union Superintendent | 892.09 | |
| Dept. of Agriculture | 22.50 | |
| Veterans' Services | 292.35 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,391.73 |
| From County, Dog Fund | | 433.76 |
| Licenses: | | |
| Liquor | | 450.00 |
| Other | | 72.00 |
| Federal Grants: | | |
| Old Age Assistance | | 6,415.20 |
| Aid to Dependent Children | | 1,216.57 |

Highways

| | | |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| From State | \$25,652.82 | |
| From County | 3,392.94 | |
| Town Machinery | 7,692.48 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$36,738.24 |

Charities

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Welfare Relief from State | \$267.85 | |
| Welfare Relief from Other Towns | 383.60 | |
| Old Age Asst. from Other Towns | 295.17 | |
| Aid to Dep. Children from State | 906.45 | |
| Old Age Asst. from State | 6,131.64 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$7,984.71 |

Schools

| | | |
|--|------------|-------------|
| Tuition, Town of Wales | \$2,973.65 | |
| Tuition, Town of Sturbridge | 173.90 | |
| Tuition of State Wards | 6,211.86 | |
| H.F.A. Instruction Fund | 2,000.00 | |
| Transportation and Tuition from State | 10,826.80 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$22,186.21 |
| School Lunch Program | | 899.26 |

Miscellaneous

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Rent of Town Hall | \$315.00 |
| Court Fines | 94.50 |
| Library Fines | 11.12 |
| Reimb. Digging Graves | 110.00 |
| Reimb. for Foundations | 63.20 |
| Sealer's Fees | 26.90 |

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|---------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Demands on Poll Taxes | 17.85 | |
| Compensation Ins. added to Fund | 363.34 | |
| Compensation Ins. Premium | | |
| Adjustment | 61.07 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,062.98 |

Interest

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| On Taxes | \$178.80 | |
| Perpetual Care Funds | 182.51 | |
| Library Trust Funds | 153.59 | |
| Lincoln Fund (Library) | 665.00 | |
| P.-W. Rehabilitation Fund | 80.00 | |
| On Redeemed Tax Titles | 13.72 | |
| Accum. Int. on Schoolhouse Bonds | 37.62 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,311.24 |

Municipal Indebtedness

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Loan in Anticipation of Revenue | \$15,000.00 | |
| Highway Equipment Loan | 3,978.00 | |
| Schoolhouse Loan | 64,500.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$83,478.00 |

Agency and Trust

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Dog Licenses for County | \$544.60 | |
| Withhold Tax for Fed. Government | 4,222.18 | |
| Funds for Perpetual Care | 300.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$5,066.78 |

Refunds:

| | |
|------------------|---------|
| a/c Overpayments | \$26.39 |
|------------------|---------|

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|-----------------------|--------|----------|
| Treas. checks lost | 84.75 | |
| Teachers Annuity Fund | 111.04 | |
| | <hr/> | \$222.18 |

Investment Funds:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Sale of Gov't. Bonds | \$8,086.52 | |
| Accumulated Interest | 913.48 | |
| | <hr/> | \$9,000.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$257,961.26 |
| Cash on hand beginning of year | | 35,375.88 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$293,337.14 |

PAYMENTS

General Government

Selectmen

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| Salaries, Selectmen | \$808.33 | |
| Moderator | 7.50 | |
| Printing, postage, etc. | 31.28 | |
| Association dues | 13.00 | |
| Dog Officer | 132.50 | |
| Filing fees | 15.00 | |
| Telephone | 65.05 | |
| Typewriter | 50.00 | |
| Other | 74.45 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$1,197.06 | |
| Balance | 2.94 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Appropriation | \$1,050.00 | \$1,200.00 |
| From Reserve Fund | 150.00 | |

Town Accountant

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Salary | \$540.00 |
| Printing, postage, etc. | 30.65 |
| Repairs | 16.30 |
| Other | 26.27 |

 \$613.22

| | |
|---------|------|
| Balance | 6.78 |
|---------|------|

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|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$600.00 | \$620.00 |
| From reserve fund | 20.00 | |

Treasurer

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Salary | \$500.00 |
| Clerical Assistance | 50.00 |
| Printing, postage, etc. | 91.22 |
| Surety Bond | 36.00 |
| Insurance | 35.00 |
| Deposit box rent | 12.00* |
| Travel expense | 23.10 |
| Other | 8.50 |

 \$755.82

| | |
|---------|-----|
| Balance | .18 |
|---------|-----|

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|---------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$750.00 | \$756.00 |
| *Refund | 6.00 | |

Tax Collector

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Salary | \$550.00 |
| Surety bond | 54.50 |
| Printing, postage, etc. | 210.07 |
| Other | 72.32 |

 \$886.89

| | |
|---------|-------|
| Balance | 13.11 |
|---------|-------|

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|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$900.00 |
|---------------|----------|

Assessors

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Salaries | \$600.00 |
| Clerical assistance | 200.00 |
| Printing, postage, etc. | 74.55 |
| Travel expense | 56.00 |
| Other | 31.18 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$961.73 |
| Balance | 38.27 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$1,000.00 |

Town Clerk

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Salary | \$200.00 |
| Recording fees | 56.00 |
| Printing, postage, etc. | 59.58 |
| Surety bond | 7.50 |
| Other | 46.18 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$369.26 |
| Balance | 5.74 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$375.00 |

Election and Registration

| | |
|-------------------|----------|
| Registrars | \$11.60 |
| Election officers | 182.80 |
| Printing | 119.78 |
| Street lists | 68.00 |
| Other | 7.55 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$389.73 |
| Balance | 5.27 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$375.00 |
| From reserve fund | 20.00 |
| | \$395.00 |

Certifying Notes

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| Certification | \$75.00 |
| Printing | 65.00 |

| | | |
|-------------------|---------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$10.00 | \$140.00 |
| From reserve fund | 130.00 | |

Town Counsel

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Salary | \$100.00 |
| Appropriation | 100.00 |

Town Hall

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Janitor's salary | \$580.00 |
| Fuel | 83.98 |
| Light | 69.16 |
| Janitor's supplies | 107.56 |
| Repairs | 303.19 |
| Insurance | 47.68 |
| Oil burner | 197.00 |
| Other | 9.40 |

\$1,397.97

| | |
|---------|------|
| Balance | 2.03 |
|---------|------|

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|-------------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$1,300.00 | \$1,400.00 |
| From reserve fund | 100.00 | |

Total General Government \$6,811.68

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Constables' services | \$135.16 |
| Flasher current | 13.44 |

\$148.60

| | |
|---------|------|
| Balance | 1.40 |
|---------|------|

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$150.00 |
|---------------|----------|

Fire Department

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Salary, chief | \$50.00 |
| Fire pay rolls | 173.10 |
| Oil permits | 140.25 |
| Fire permits | 31.00 |
| Insurance | 370.02 |
| Rent and repairs, etc. | 421.99 |
| Equipment and supplies | 1,123.41 |
| Telephone | 110.29 |
| Printing | 25.65 |

 \$2,445.71

| | |
|---------|------|
| Balance | 4.29 |
|---------|------|

| | | |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$2,400.00 | \$2,450.00 |
| Reserve Fund | 50.00 | |

Moth Suppression

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| Labor | \$226.50 |
| Transportation | 18.50 |

 \$245.00

| | |
|---------|-------|
| Balance | 55.00 |
|---------|-------|

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$300.00 |
|---------------|----------|

Tree Warden

| | |
|--------|---------|
| Salary | \$25.00 |
| Labor | 62.50 |
| Other | 4.00 |

 \$91.50

| | |
|---------|--------|
| Balance | 108.50 |
|---------|--------|

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$200.00 |
|---------------|----------|

Sealer of Weights and Measures

| | | |
|--|----------|------------|
| Salary, sealer | \$50.00 | |
| Transportation | 10.00 | |
| Equipment and supplies | 7.44 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$67.44 | |
| Balance | 32.56 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Appropriation | \$100.00 | |
| Total, Protection Persons and Property | | \$2,998.25 |

Health

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------|--|
| Inspection of animals | \$106.30 | |
| Medical services | 75.00 | |
| Signs | 40.00 | |
| Labor | 9.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$230.00 | |
| Balance | \$69.70 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Appropriation | \$300.00 | |

HIGHWAYS

Chapter 81

| | | |
|------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Labor | \$6,341.98 | |
| Materials | 6,950.76 | |
| Machinery | 6,359.47 | |
| Compensation insurance | 192.79 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$19,845.00 |
| Town appropriation | \$2,520.00 | |
| State allotment | 17,325.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$19,845.00 |

Chapter 90 Construction

| | | |
|------------------------|------------|------------|
| Labor | \$1,936.98 | |
| Hired machinery | 2,395.56 | |
| Town machinery | 1,269.45 | |
| Materials | 2,508.26 | |
| Compensation insurance | 59.91 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$8,170.16 | |
| Balance | .26 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$8,170.42 |
| Town appropriation | \$2,000.00 | |
| State allotment | 3,000.00 | |
| County allotment | 3,000.00 | |
| 1949 balance | 177.37 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$8,177.37 | |
| Dis-allowances | 6.95 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$8,170.42 |

Chapter 90 Maintenance

| | | |
|------------------------|------------|------------|
| Labor | \$301.73 | |
| Machinery | 441.15 | |
| Materials | 1,347.50 | |
| Compensation insurance | 9.59 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$2,099.97 | |
| Balance | .03 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$2,100.00 |
| Town appropriation | \$700.00 | |
| County allotment | 700.00 | |
| State allotment | 700.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$2,100.00 |

General Highway

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Labor | \$1,908.75 |
| Machinery | 1,586.35 |
| Materials | 626.98 |
| Compensation insurance | 37.78 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$4,159.86 |
| Appropriation | 3,500.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Overdraft | \$659.86 |

Street Lighting

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Worc. County Electric Co. | \$930.96 |
| Balance | .04 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$931.00 |

Machinery Account

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Labor | \$279.00 |
| Insurance | 345.69 |
| Gas & Oil | 1,603.06 |
| Supplies, repairs and rent | 2,729.53 |
| Telephone | 65.05 |
| Snow Plow | 542.00 |
| | <hr/> |

\$5,564.33

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|-------------------|------------|
| Balance from 1949 | \$2,202.76 |
| Appro. from Fund | 4,710.00 |
| | <hr/> |

\$6,912.76

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| Appro. for new tractor | 2,000.00 |
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\$4,912.76

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| Overdraft | 651.57 |
| | <hr/> |

\$5,564.33

Lucier Water Rights

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|---------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$2,500.00 |
| Expended | 2,500.00 |

Tractor Purchase

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Appropriated from Revenue | \$3,000.00 |
| From Machinery Fund | 2,000.00 |
| Issue of town notes | 3,978.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$8,978.00 |
| Purchase of tractor | \$8,978.00 |
| Total Highway | 52,248.28 |

CHARITY

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Salaries, Welfare Board | \$150.00 |
| Cash relief granted | 389.75 |
| Medicine and Medical care | 572.91 |
| Groc., provisions, etc. | 322.73 |
| Board and care | 76.32 |
| Relief by other towns | 437.92 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,949.63 |
| Balance | 50.37 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$2,000.00 |

Old Age Assistance

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Federal Grants, 1950 | \$6,231.29 |
| Town appropriation | 15,000.00 |
| Recovery | 74.25 |
| Bal. from 1949 Fed. Grants | 277.09 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$21,582.63 |

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|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cash Grants | \$13,000.79 | |
| By other towns | 222.17 | |
| | <hr/> | \$13,223.16 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$8,359.47 |

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|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Balance in town appropriation | \$7,940.77 | |
| Balance in Federal Grants | 418.70 | |
| | <hr/> | \$8,359.47 |

Aid to Dependent Children

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|------------|
| 1949 balance in Federal Funds | \$54.00 | |
| Federal Grants, 1950 | 1,197.00 | |
| Town Appropriation | 2,500.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$3,751.00 |
| Cash grants | | \$3,201.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$549.90 |

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|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Balance in Federal Funds | \$358.85 | |
| Balance in town appropriation | 191.05 | |
| | <hr/> | \$549.90 |

Old Age Assistance, Administration

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Federal Grants 1950 | \$183.91 | |
| Town appropriation | 800.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$983.91 |
| Salaries and Services | | 902.47 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$81.44 |
| Balance in Federal Funds | \$73.32 | |
| Balance in town appropriation | 8.12 | |
| | <hr/> | \$81.44 |

Aid to Dependent Children, Administration

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|-------------------------|---------|
| Federal Grant 1950 | \$19.57 |
| Balance carried to 1951 | \$19.57 |

Military Service Assessment

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Raised by Assessors | \$605.50 |
| Expended | 605.50 |

Veterans' Benefits

| | |
|------------------|-------------|
| Cash Grants | \$258.00 |
| Groceries | 131.86 |
| Fuel | 7.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$396.86 |
| Balance | 3.14 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$400.00 |
| Total, Charities | \$20,278.72 |

Schoolhouse Addition

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|---------------------------|-------------|
| Sale of Real Estate Fund | \$794.25 |
| From Surplus Revenue | 20,205.75 |
| P.-W. Rehabilitation Fund | 9,000.00 |
| Loan Authorized | 64,500.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$94,500.00 |
| Architect's Fee | \$2,425.24 |
| a/c Contracts | 40,801.30 |
| Equipment | 3,107.42 |
| Insurance | 242.09 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$46,576.05 |
| | <hr/> |
| Unexpended Balance | \$47,923.95 |

School Lunch Program

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------|------------|
| Labor | \$473.45 | |
| Materials and Supplies | 603.36 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,076.81 |
| On hand at school opening | \$206.17 | |
| Receipts | 693.09 | |
| | <hr/> | \$899.26 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Deficit, carried to 1951 | | \$177.55 |

Schools

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| General Administration | \$2,758.51 |
| Teachers' salaries | 30,511.00 |
| Text books and supplies | 2,389.89 |
| Janitor service | 2,542.50 |
| Fuel and light | 2,518.87 |
| Repairs | 310.26 |
| Health | 300.00 |
| Tuition | 67.68 |
| Transportation | 13,004.36 |
| Janitor's supplies | 211.67 |
| New equipment | 468.22 |
| Compensation insurance | 45.48 |
| All Other | 15.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$55,143.44 |
| Balance | 6.56 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$55,150.00 |

Trade School Tuition

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Tuition paid Springfield | \$172.22 |
| Tuition paid Southbridge | 109.56 |
| Balance | 18.22 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$300.00 |

Library

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|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Salary, Librarian | \$600.00 | |
| Assistant, East Brimfield | 26.00 | |
| Janitor | 180.00 | |
| Books | 280.43 | |
| Periodicals | 117.45 | |
| Fuel | 251.21 | |
| Light | 37.60 | |
| Repairs | 16.59 | |
| Insurance | 29.75 | |
| New heating unit | 665.00 | |
| Postage, supplies, etc. | 24.18 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | 2228.21 | \$2,268.99 |
| Balance | 20.75 | 3.75 |
| | <hr/> | |
| | 2248.96 | \$2,272.74 |
| Town appropriation | \$1,000.00 | |
| Dog Fund | 433.76 | |
| Income from funds | 818.59 | |
| Refund (overpayment) | 20.39 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$2,272.74 |

Common

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|--------------------|----------|
| Labor and supplies | \$242.47 |
| Balance | 7.53 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$250.00 |

Memorial Day

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|---------------|----------|
| Music | \$28.86 |
| Plants | 61.25 |
| Flags | 29.49 |
| Other | 5.40 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$125.00 |

Property Insurance

| | | |
|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Premiums paid | | \$98.10 |
| Balance | | 31.90 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$130.00 |
| Appropriation | \$100.00 | |
| From reserve fund | 30.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$130.00 |

Compensation Insurance

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|---------------|----------|
| Premium paid | \$456.80 |
| Appropriation | 456.80 |

Reservoir Roof

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|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$500.00 |
| Expended | 471.67 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance | \$28.33 |

Aid to Agriculture

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|---------------|---------|
| Appropriation | \$25.00 |
| Expended | \$25.00 |

Retirement Fund

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$281.80 |
| Expended | 281.80 |

Fenton Compensation

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$300.00 |
| Expended | 300.00 |

Town Reports

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Printing | \$383.40 |
| Postage | 12.00 |
| Typing and mailing | 20.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$415.40 |
| Balance | 34.60 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$450.00 |

School Building Committee

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|-------------------|----------|
| Balance from 1949 | \$250.00 |
| Expended | 122.61 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance to 1951 | \$127.39 |

Interest

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|----------------------|----------|
| On temporary loans | \$78.33 |
| On highway loans | 19.89 |
| On Schoolhouse bonds | 260.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$358.22 |
| Balance | 51.78 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$410.00 |

Cemetery

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Labor | \$486.85 |
| Supplies and repairs | 99.74 |
| New equipment | 100.00 |
| Compensation insurance | 7.02 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$693.61 |
| Balance | 6.39 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$700.00 |

Indebtedness

| | |
|------------------|-------------|
| Temporary loans | \$15,000.00 |
| Highway loan | 14,175.00 |
| Schoolhouse bond | 2,000.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$31,175.00 |

Agency and Trust

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|----------------------------------|--------------|
| State Tax | \$460.84 |
| County Tax | 2,252.85 |
| Dog Licenses for County | 544.60 |
| Perpetual Care Funds | 182.51 |
| Perpetual Care Funds Deposited | 300.00 |
| Withholding Tax | 4,222.18 |
| Interest on Gov. Bonds deposited | 80.00 |
| County Hospital Assessment | 48.26 |
| Refunds: | |
| Poll and Property Tax | \$77.28 |
| M. V. Excise Tax | 219.48 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$231,067.98 |
| Cash on hand end of year | \$62,269.16 |
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\$293,337.14

FRANK S. GIFFORD

Town Accountant

BALANCE SHEET

| Assets | | Liabilities | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Cash on hand December 31, 1950 | \$62,269.16 | Overlay, levy of 1950 | \$191.75 |
| Taxes, levy of 1950 | 7,235.77 | Overlay, levy of 1949 | 4.00 |
| Taxes, levy of 1949 | 4.00 | Overlay surplus | 5,025.27 |
| Classified Forest Land Tax, 1950 | 241.50 | Revenue reserved until collected: | |
| Classified Forest Land Tax, 1949 | 1.00 | Classified Forest | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1950 | 1,857.35 | Land Tax | \$ 242.50 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1949 | 19.28 | Motor Vehicle | |
| Tax Titles | 146.27 | Excise Tax | 1,876.63 |
| Tax Possessions | 535.61 | Tax Title Revenue | 681.88 |
| Due from State a/c highways | 5,055.90 | | <hr/> |
| Due from County a/c highways | 1,999.90 | | 2,801.01 |
| Appropriation made after tax levy | 100.00 | Sale Cemetery Lots Fund | 10.00 |
| State tax under-estimate | 32.10 | Road Machinery Fund | 3,524.07 |
| Overdrafts: | | Compensation Insurance Fund | 380.70 |
| General highway | 659.86 | Edgar Brown Playground Fund | 67.21 |
| Machinery account | 651.57 | Account balances carried to 1951: | |
| School lunch account | 177.55 | Federal grant | |
| | | Old Age Asst. | \$492.02 |
| | | Aid Dep. Ch. | 378.42 |
| | | Schoolhouse addition | 47,923.95 |

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|------------------------------------|--------|-------------|
| School building committee | 127.39 | |
| Regional district school committee | 150.00 | 49,071.78 |
| County tax over-estimate | | 426.74 |
| Surplus Revenue | | 19,484.29 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$80,986.82 |
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| | | \$80,986.82 |

Trust & Investment Funds:
Cash on deposit

TRUST FUNDS

| | | |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| \$36,829.31 | Harriet Harding, Charity | \$2,880.95 |
| | Harriet Allen, School | 712.14 |
| | Cemetery Gate Fund | 34.85 |
| | Cemetery Wall Fund | 411.84 |
| | Pearsall Monument Fund | 204.60 |
| | Post-War Rehab. Fund | 203.88 |
| | Perpetual Care Funds | 21,009.75 |
| | Library Funds: | |
| | Mary K. Hyde | \$ 831.80 |
| | U. J. Shaw | 2,489.09 |
| | E. C. Flynt | 103.52 |
| | Julia E. Coy | 645.04 |
| | A. G. Tarbell | 200.00 |
| | E. B. Robinson | 411.41 |
| | Fitz. Warren | 1,000.00 |
| | Emily Woods | 500.00 |
| | Chamb-Smith | 645.58 |
| | Jas. Lincoln | 4,545.16 |
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| | | 11,371.60 |
| <hr/> | | <hr/> |
| \$36,829.31 | | \$36,829.31 |

OUTSTANDING DEBT

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1950:
Old schoolhouse loan
New schoolhouse loan
Tractor loan

| | | |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| \$11,000.00 | Net bonded debt | \$79,478.00 |
| 64,500.00 | | |
| 3,978.00 | | |
| <hr/> | | |
| \$79,478.00 | | \$79,478.00 |

Tax Collector's Report

1950

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Commitments as per warrants | \$52,827.61 |
| Abatements, refunded | 77.28 |

\$52,904.89

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|-------------------|--|-------------|
| Cash to treasurer | | \$44,378.10 |
| Abatements | | 1,028.59 |
| To tax titles | | 20.93 |

\$45,427.62

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|---------------------------|-------------|
| Outstanding Dec. 31, 1950 | \$ 7,477.27 |
|---------------------------|-------------|

1949

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|-----------------------------|------------|
| Outstanding January 1, 1950 | \$6,201.31 |
|-----------------------------|------------|

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|-------------------|--|------------|
| Cash to treasurer | | \$6,156.91 |
| Abatements | | 23.20 |
| To tax titles | | 16.20 |

\$6,196.31

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|---------------------------|--------|
| Outstanding Dec. 31, 1950 | \$5.00 |
|---------------------------|--------|

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

1950

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|-----------------------------|------------|
| Commitments as per warrants | \$9,556.78 |
| Abatements, refunded | 188.31 |

\$9,745.09

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|---------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Cash to treasurer | \$7,617.60 | |
| Abatements | 270.14 | |
| | <hr/> | \$7,887.74 |
| Outstanding Dec. 31, 1950 | | <hr/> \$1,857.35 |

1949

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Outstanding January 1, 1950 | | \$831.69 |
| Commitments Feb. 9, 1950 | | 96.91 |
| Abatements refunded | | 31.17 |
| Commitment in excess of warrant | | 11.00 |
| | | <hr/> \$970.77 |
| Cash to treasurer | \$833.06 | |
| Abatements | 118.43 | |
| | <hr/> | \$951.49 |
| Outstanding Dec. 31, 1950 | | <hr/> \$19.28 |

ALMA L. FOGG,

Collector of Taxes

Memorial Day Committee

The Memorial Day Committee wish to acknowledge the assistance of the American Legion Auxiliary and teachers and pupils of the schools in observance of Memorial Day.

Hearty thanks are extended to Vi's Place for ice cream given to the children.

GEORGE HITCHCOCK
PERCY MOORE
RAYMOND LEMMELIN
EVERETT D. LANDEN
MARGARET GILMAN
GLADYS L. WEBBER

Cemetery Commissioners' Report

To the Citizens of Brimfield:

The past year was very normal with respect to general cemetery maintenance and care. Equipment now available is utilized completely so that a better appearance can be attained at very little if any increase in cost.

The one unusual feature of operations during 1950, was that of the ten burials made, six were non-residents. For these, \$183.00 was returned to the Town.

The use of permanent type grave vaults has been inaugurated and is meeting with general approval.

Winter fertilizing has been started this year and if successful, will be carried on annually. The most recently developed area on the east side has been selected for this trial.

A bituminous seal is planned for the driveways this summer. This is very necessary to preserve the surface. The expense for this work will amount to some over \$100.00 but with other costs more closely controlled, an appropriation of \$750.00 is considered adequate for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHENEY F. NEWTON
GEORGE E. HITCHCOCK
EVERETT D. LANDEN
Commissioners

EXPENDED FOR GENERAL CARE OF CEMETERY

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| George Hitchcock | \$199.02 | |
| L. V. Howlett | 54.91 | |
| Gordon Brown | 30.38 | |
| Arthur Moreau | 60.41 | |
| Donald Martin | 9.90 | |
| Louis Martin | 10.00 | |
| Joseph Van Hook | 3.00 | |
| Kenneth Howlett | 6.53 | |
| Charles Hitchcock | 1.58 | |
| C. F. Newton | 4.05 | |
| Philip Martin | 12.25 | |
| William Pratt | 3.60 | |
| Arthur Dionne | 90.00 | |
| Haley's Grain Store | 6.12 | |
| Brimfield Garage | 21.70 | |
| Hatch's Store | 4.18 | |
| Weidenmiller & Magovern | 119.51 | |
| George Hitchcock | 3.75 | |
| Henry Snow | 2.30 | |
| N. D. Fountain | 38.40 | |
| Clarence Sherman | 5.00 | |
| Compensation Insurance | 7.02 | |
| | | \$693.61 |

AMOUNTS EXPENDED FROM ENDOWED FUNDS

| | | |
|------------------|---------|----------|
| George Hitchcock | \$72.90 | |
| Kenneth Howlett | 8.10 | |
| R. Dionne | 3.60 | |
| James Howlett | 1.50 | |
| L. V. Howlett | 15.75 | |
| Arthur Moreau | 35.21 | |
| Arthur Dionne | 43.20 | |
| Phillip Martin | 2.25 | |
| | | \$182.51 |

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

| | Amount of Fund | Balance Dec. 31, 1950 |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Henry Adams | \$50.00 | \$53.98 |
| Jennie Agard | 500.00 | 623.65 |
| Stephen Agard | 100.00 | 121.09 |
| Alexander, Sullivan | 100.00 | 126.08 |
| Chas. S. Allen | 100.00 | 106.88 |
| George Allen | 100.00 | 186.82 |
| Elijah Allen | 100.00 | 116.40 |
| George Bacon | 100.00 | 144.63 |
| Massena B. Allen | 100.00 | 108.89 |
| Calvin Baker | 100.00 | 111.91 |
| Jonathan Bixby | 100.00 | 104.92 |
| Francis Bliss | 200.00 | 268.03 |
| Louis Blodgett | 100.00 | 107.08 |
| F. H. Boardman | 100.00 | 109.54 |
| Sanford Booth | 100.00 | 110.11 |
| Asheal Bennett | 500.00 | 575.62 |
| Herbert Bradway | 100.00 | 112.68 |
| Chas. O. Brown | 100.00 | 117.11 |
| Harriet Brown | 100.00 | 145.40 |
| Albert R. Brown | 200.00 | 214.70 |
| F. Edgar Brown | 100.00 | 181.85 |
| Harrison H. Brown | 100.00 | 108.97 |
| W. Johnson Brown | 100.00 | 110.31 |
| Arthur Brown | 100.00 | 119.95 |
| Dauphin Brown | 100.00 | 108.12 |
| Jonathan Brown | 100.00 | 132.02 |
| J. R. Brown | 100.00 | 108.07 |
| Harold Butterfield | 100.00 | 102.01 |

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|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| James Buxton | 100.00 | 142.07 |
| Darius & Abraham Charles | 300.00 | 327.06 |
| Frederic A. Charles | 200.00 | 229.60 |
| John Charles | 50.00 | 52.48 |
| Jonathan Charles | 50.00 | 52.48 |
| Aaron Charles | 50.00 | 52.48 |
| Abraham & Nath'l Charles | 50.00 | 52.48 |
| Thomas & Thena Charles | 50.00 | 52.48 |
| Harriet Chamberlain | 200.00 | 229.71 |
| Charles & Bacon | 100.00 | 107.13 |
| Alfred Converse | 100.00 | 108.05 |
| Marcus Converse | 100.00 | 115.30 |
| Frank H. Cook | 100.00 | 121.14 |
| Miner Corbin | 100.00 | 110.57 |
| J. Ellen Coy | 100.00 | 144.29 |
| Seth Dunham | 100.00 | 127.61 |
| Chas. S. Davis | 100.00 | 110.05 |
| Annie Emmons | 1,000.00 | 1,084.48 |
| Anna T. Emmons | 100.00 | 109.45 |
| Levi Fairbanks | 100.00 | 130.18 |
| Fred M. Fenton | 200.00 | 219.99 |
| Ferry & Robinson | 100.00 | 132.14 |
| Ferry & Dix | 50.00 | 54.36 |
| John Foster | 100.00 | 159.28 |
| Etta Fiske | 100.00 | 132.70 |
| M. W. French | 200.00 | 241.72 |
| Geo. A. Furness | 75.00 | 82.46 |
| Nathan Goodell | 52.00 | 54.38 |
| Mary L. Gould | 300.00 | 316.17 |
| Wm. H. Green | 200.00 | 216.25 |
| Lyman Griggs | 100.00 | 110.53 |
| Troylis G. Grimes | 100.00 | 103.49 |
| Thomas Harwood | 100.00 | 105.98 |
| Alfred Hitchcock | 100.00 | 129.41 |
| David Hitchcock | 100.00 | 124.94 |
| Edward Hitchcock | 75.00 | 81.71 |
| Frank G. Hitchcock | 100.00 | 100.87 |
| Orson Holdridge | 50.00 | 53.95 |

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|---------------------|--------|--------|
| Linus Homer | 100.00 | 183.00 |
| George Homer | 50.00 | 52.05 |
| Newton Hubbard | 100.00 | 116.51 |
| Mary K. Hyde | 200.00 | 291.35 |
| Albion Janes | 100.00 | 128.61 |
| Edwin Janes | 100.00 | 126.92 |
| David W. Janes | 200.00 | 228.24 |
| H. E. & C. R. Janes | 100.00 | 109.06 |
| William Janes | 100.00 | 104.92 |
| William S. Janes | 100.00 | 104.92 |
| Austin Jennison | 50.00 | 53.59 |
| Orsamus Kenfield | 100.00 | 120.22 |
| Asa Lawrence | 50.00 | 53.94 |
| Nellie A. Lewis | 300.00 | 317.22 |
| James & Asa Lincoln | 500.00 | 600.16 |
| Frank A. Lombard | 100.00 | 107.49 |
| Charles E. Lombard | 100.00 | 126.63 |
| Charles O. Lombard | 100.00 | 120.77 |
| Elijah Lumbard | 100.00 | 167.17 |
| Lemuel Lumbard | 100.00 | 127.02 |
| Albert Lumb | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Nathan Lyman | 75.00 | 81.71 |
| Edward P. Marriott | 100.00 | 108.25 |
| Charles Merritt | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Charles H. Moore | 100.00 | 110.39 |
| Jason Morse | 100.00 | 146.90 |
| Albigence Newell | 100.00 | 116.57 |
| Abner Nichols | 100.00 | 112.08 |
| Emily Noyes | 100.00 | 125.50 |
| John Noyes | 100.00 | 109.31 |
| Cheney Newton | 100.00 | 122.27 |
| Arthur Palmer | 100.00 | 110.33 |
| Fred & Orra Parker | 100.00 | 109.62 |
| Melissa Parker | 200.00 | 274.74 |
| Porter Parker | 200.00 | 258.80 |
| Sumner Parker | 100.00 | 110.24 |
| Etta Pierce | 100.00 | 159.96 |

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|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Pierce & Dunsmore | 200.00 | 223.57 |
| Albert W. Pierson | 100.00 | 108.97 |
| Norman Powers | 75.00 | 81.93 |
| George Puffer | 100.00 | 113.33 |
| Augusta Rice | 100.00 | 126.92 |
| F. H. Robertson | 75.00 | 80.82 |
| Ursula J. Shaw | 200.00 | 240.05 |
| Elijah T. Sherman | 200.00 | 218.47 |
| Bezeleal Sherman | 100.00 | 120.12 |
| John Sherman | 100.00 | 106.13 |
| Harold & Orida Smith | 100.00 | 104.53 |
| E. A. Stebbins | 100.00 | 107.99 |
| Joseph E. Stegner | 100.00 | 103.49 |
| Fannie Gates Smith | 50.00 | 51.49 |
| Rebecca Stoddard | 100.00 | 170.05 |
| Everts Tarbell | 200.00 | 239.91 |
| John Tunison | 100.00 | 116.24 |
| Joseph Vaill | 100.00 | 120.02 |
| Charles C. Warren | 100.00 | 125.50 |
| Lily Warren | 200.00 | 243.81 |
| Fred M. Webber | 100.00 | 126.11 |
| Jane Webber | 100.00 | 107.82 |
| Jonathan Webber | 100.00 | 131.38 |
| Lilla & Charles Webber | 100.00 | 110.75 |
| Mary Wheeler | 50.00 | 53.35 |
| Emily Wilkinson | 600.00 | 690.00 |
| Wight & Foskett | 100.00 | 118.08 |
| Lowell Wilcox | 100.00 | 108.83 |
| Thomas Williams | 200.00 | 234.40 |
| Joseph L. Woods | 100.00 | 108.51 |
| Constance Thompson | 100.00 | 100.87 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$17,817.34 | \$21,009.75 |

Highways

AMOUNTS EXPENDED UNDER CHAPTER 81 LABOR

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Harold E. Hitchcock | \$1,055.59 |
| D. H. Wells, Jr. | 887.00 |
| Cedric Burnham | 671.50 |
| Frank Dickinson, Jr. | 791.40 |
| Richard Hicks | 575.35 |
| Ralph Stanton | 584.53 |
| Kenneth Howlett | 568.50 |
| James Howlett | 555.60 |
| Alonzo Carpenter | 344.50 |
| M. Osgood | 47.70 |
| Richard Goddard | 20.00 |
| Robert Hayward | 72.00 |
| Victor Howlett | 2.70 |
| George Hitchcock | 65.50 |
| H. B. Landen | 22.00 |
| Paul Costa | 11.87 |
| W. Kucharczyk | 46.24 |
| Frank Geffken | 20.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$6,341.98 |

MATERIALS

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Barrett Division | \$4,373.31 |
| N. E. Metal Culvert Co. | 737.00 |
| Chas. C. Lewis Co. | 31.15 |
| Haley's Grain Store | 31.25 |

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|---------------------|------------|
| State Prison Colony | 210.00 |
| James Motte Co. | 379.50 |
| Chemical Fog Co. | 210.00 |
| M. Piazza | 60.00 |
| Roger Mathieu | 179.10 |
| Arthur Gilman | 91.20 |
| Louis Gagliardi | 284.25 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$6,950.76 |

MACHINERY

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| David Brown | \$ 24.00 |
| Harold Hitchcock | 448.50 |
| Town of Warren | 238.76 |
| Town of Brookfield | 100.00 |
| Ceisla Bros. | 129.00 |
| George Stanton | 29.00 |
| Victor Howlett | 93.00 |
| E. Supernor | 206.25 |
| Ralph Stanton | 256.50 |
| Charles Day | 27.00 |
| Lobik Bros. | 77.00 |
| Smola Bros. | 200.00 |
| Town Machinery | 4,530.46 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$6,359.47 |
| Compensation Insurance | 192.79 |

AMOUNTS EXPENDED UNDER CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

| | |
|-------------------|---------|
| Harold Hitchcock | \$44.55 |
| F. Dickinson, Jr. | 42.50 |
| Ralph Stanton | 34.00 |
| D. H. Wells, Jr. | 34.00 |
| James Howlett | 8.50 |
| Kenneth Howlett | 25.50 |
| Richard Hicks | 34.00 |

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|------------------------|------------|
| Cedric Burnham | 34.00 |
| Alonzo Carpenter | 34.00 |
| Paul Costa | 10.62 |
| Barrett Division | 1,299.50 |
| Roger Mathieu | 48.00 |
| Harold Hitchcock | 102.00 |
| Town Machinery | 339.15 |
| Compensation Insurance | 9.59 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,099.97 |

AMOUNTS EXPENDED UNDER GENERAL HIGHWAY

LABOR

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Harold Hitchcock | \$404.83 |
| Ralph Stanton | 214.00 |
| Kenneth Howlett | 222.00 |
| L. V. Howlett | 157.00 |
| M. Osgood | 35.00 |
| Alonzo Carpenter | 29.00 |
| Richard Stanton | 20.00 |
| Richard Hicks | 96.00 |
| Frank Dickinson, Jr. | 278.92 |
| Harold Johnston | 48.00 |
| Fred Robbins | 18.00 |
| Robert Hayward | 61.50 |
| Donald Burnham | 6.00 |
| Daniel Wells, Jr. | 83.00 |
| Charles Day | 7.00 |
| James Howlett | 72.50 |
| Cedric Burnham | 148.00 |
| Walter Waite | 8.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,908.75 |

MATERIALS

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Hatch's Village Store | \$141.08 |
| L. V. Howlett | 50.40 |
| Harold Hitchcock | 2.19 |
| Lewis E. Howlett | 1.82 |
| R. E. Ryan | 15.00 |
| Haley's Grain Store | 11.00 |
| G. A. Authier & Son | 3.24 |
| State Prison | 14.25 |
| Chemical Corporation | 188.00 |
| N. D. Fountain | 200.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$626.98 |

MACHINERY

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| David Brown | \$68.00 |
| George Stanton | 4.00 |
| Ralph Stanton | 9.00 |
| Harold Hitchcock | 113.50 |
| Marino Piazzo | 33.75 |
| Dept. Public Works | 14.80 |
| Town Machinery | 1,343.30 |
| Compensation Insurance | 37.78 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,624.13 |

AMOUNTS EXPENDED FROM MACHINERY
ACCOUNT

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| Harold Hitchcock | \$98.00 |
| L. V. Howlett | 7.00 |
| M. Osgood | 2.00 |
| Frank Dickinson, Jr. | 68.00 |
| A. R. Jensen | 16.00 |
| Ralph Stanton | 35.00 |
| James Howlett | 23.00 |
| Cedric Burnham | 5.00 |

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|----------------------------|----------|
| Daniel Wells, Jr. | 25.00 |
| Compensation Insurance | 2.35 |
| Clark-Wilcox Co. | 18.18 |
| Tyler Equipment Corp. | 563.06 |
| Jefferson Auto Specialties | 3.00 |
| Mair's Tire Sales | 85.26 |
| James Yelle | 15.00 |
| William D. Spooner | 343.34 |
| Hitchcock Academy | 100.00 |
| N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co | 65.05 |
| Brimfield Garage | 596.06 |
| Zabek Motor Sales | 360.25 |
| Valley Garage | 659.76 |
| Bowker-Hamblin-Malmquist | 661.98 |
| Socony-Vacuum Oil Co. | 302.52 |
| Harlow Jones Petroleum Co. | 1,007.52 |
| Esso Standard Oil Co. | 204.16 |
| Gulf Oil Corp. | 88.86 |
| Holyoke Boiler Works | 192.48 |
| Griswold's Garage | 3.00 |
| Hatch's Village Store | 9.82 |
| Lewis E. Howlett | 3.68 |

\$5,564.33

AMOUNTS EXPENDED UNDER CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

LABOR

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Harold E. Hitchcock | \$334.13 |
| D. H. Wells, Jr. | 204.00 |
| Ralph Stanton | 245.88 |
| Richard Hicks | 164.50 |
| Frank Dickinson, Jr. | 257.38 |
| Kenneth Howlett | 100.00 |
| Cedric Burnham | 232.00 |
| Richard Goddard | 24.48 |
| Alonzo Carpenter | 110.00 |

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|----------------|--------|
| Robert Hayward | 144.00 |
| James Howlett | 30.00 |
| W. Kucharczyk | 11.56 |
| Homer Thebarga | 32.13 |
| Edgar Houghton | 23.46 |
| Alex Mack | 23.46 |

\$1,936.98

MACHINERY

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Town of Warren | \$265.31 |
| Town of Brookfield | 133.50 |
| Harold Hitchcock | 341.50 |
| Franklin Booth | 121.50 |
| Smola Bros. | 94.50 |
| Chas. Chaffee | 49.50 |
| E. C. Supernor | 75.00 |
| Ceisla Bros. | 963.00 |
| David Brown | 326.25 |
| Raymond Allen | 7.50 |
| Donald Morgan | 18.00 |

\$2,395.56

MATERIALS

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| N. E. Metal Culvert Co. | \$751.28 |
| Barrett Division | 1,024.85 |
| Harold Hitchcock | 33.00 |
| Hatch's Store | 82.00 |
| E. S. Farmers Exchange | 48.03 |
| E. F. Fenton | 14.00 |
| Roger Mathieu | 379.50 |
| Louis Gagliardi | 175.60 |

\$2,508.26

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Town Machinery | 1,269.45 |
| Compensation Insurance | 59.91 |

Report of The Board of Public Welfare and Bureau of Old Age Assistance

During the year, 20 applications for assistance have been considered. Of these, 12 were approved, 2 were withdrawn, and 6 were rejected.

Aid has been granted to 26 Old Age Assistance cases, and other towns have been reimbursed for aid to 2 other cases. Expenditures for Old Age Assistance have been much less than was anticipated for this year, due to the fact that 10 recipients have been removed from our rolls—4 by death, 4 because of change in economic situation, and 2 transferred to other towns. There have been 2 Aid to Dependent Children cases. General Relief assistance has been granted to 9 cases and payment made to another town for aid given 1 more case.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Balance, January 1, 1950 | \$277.09 | |
| Federal Receipts | 6,231.29 | |
| Town Appropriation | 15,000.00 | |
| Assistance Payments | | 13,591.19 |
| Payments to Other Towns | | 222.17 |
| Balance, December 31, 1950 | | 7,695.02 |
| | 21,508.38 | 21,508.38 |

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Balance, January 1, 1950 | \$54.00 | |
| Federal Receipts | 1,197.00 | |
| Town Appropriation | 2,500.00 | |
| Assistance Payments | | 3,287.10 |
| Balance, December 31, 1950 | | 463.90 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 3,751.00 | 3,751.00 |

GENERAL RELIEF

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Town Appropriation | 2,000.00 | |
| Assistance Payments | | 1,361.71 |
| Payments to Other Towns | | 437.92 |
| Administration | | 150.00 |
| Balance, December 31, 1950 | | 50.37 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |

TOTAL PAYMENTS AND DISTRIBUTION OF COST

| Category | Payments | Federal | State | Other Towns | Brimfield |
|----------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| OAA | \$13,813.36 | \$5,848.67 | \$5,592.57 | \$183.30 | \$2,188.82 |
| ADC | 3,287.10 | 1,064.60 | 1,095.69 | | 1,126.81 |
| GR | 1,799.63 | | 774.43 | 98.01 | 927.19 |
| TOTALS | <hr/> \$18,900.09 | <hr/> \$6,913.27 | <hr/> \$7,462.69 | <hr/> \$281.31 | <hr/> \$4,242.82 |

On December 31, 1950 there are 16 OAA, 2 ADC, and 2 GR cases continuing in town, and 4 OAA and 2 GR cases are being aided in other towns.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. G. HOYT

Chair. Bd. of Pub. Welf.

LLEWELLYN B. NORTON

Chair. Bur. OAA

EVELYN B. LANDEN

Clerk, Bd. of P. W. & Bur. OAA

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

To the Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1950.

| | Adjusted | Sealed |
|---------------------|----------|--------|
| Platform Scales | 2 | 4 |
| Spring Scales | 1 | 1 |
| Computing Scales | | 3 |
| Avoirdupois Weights | | 14 |
| Kerosene Pumps | | 2 |
| Gasoline Meters | 5 | 19 |

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST J. COLLETTE

Sealer

Report of Assessors

| | | |
|--|----------------|--------------|
| Town appropriations raised | | |
| by taxation | \$105,808.00 | |
| Appropriated from available funds | 37,604.80 | |
| Maturing debt | 2,000.00 | |
| State parks | 131.41 | |
| State audit | 329.38 | |
| County tax | 3,190.77 | |
| Tuberculosis hospital assessment | 47.50 | |
| Overlay | 1,189.98 | |
| Veterans service district assessment | 605.50 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$150,907.34 |
| Available funds and estimated receipts | | 99,316.76 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$51,590.58 |
| 398 Polls @ \$2.00 | | 796.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Tax assessed on property | | \$50,794.58 |
| Valuation of personal property | \$195,100.00 | |
| Valuation of real estate | 909,130.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total valuation | \$1,104,230.00 | |
| Tax rate \$46.00 per \$1,000.00 | | |
| Tax assessed on motor vehicles | \$9,556.78 | |

EDWARD J. KILLIAN

JOHN M. HALEY

JOHN P. MOORE

Board of Assessors

BUDGET FOR 1951

| | Expended 1950 | Requested for 1951 | Fin. Com. recommend. |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Selectmen | \$1,197.06 | \$1,200.00 | \$1,200.00 |
| Accountant | 613.22 | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| Treasurer | 755.82 | 775.00 | 775.00 |
| Tax Collector | 886.89 | 900.00 | 900.00 |
| Assessors | 961.73 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Certifying Notes | 140.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Town Clerk | 369.26 | 375.00 | 375.00 |
| Election & Registration | 389.73 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Town Counsel | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Town Hall | 1,397.97 | 1,300.00 | 1,300.00 |
| Police | 148.60 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Fire Department | 2,445.71 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Sealer | 67.44 | 75.00 | 75.00 |
| Moth Suppression | 245.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Tree Warden | 91.50 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Reserve Fund | | 1,000.00 | 750.00 |
| Health | 350.00 | 350.00 | 350.00 |

| | Expended 1950 | Requested for 1951 | Fin. Com. recommend. |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Highways, Chapter 81 | 2,520.00 | 2,520.00 | 2,520.00 |
| Chapter 90 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance | 700.00 | 900.00 | 900.00 |
| General Highway | 4,159.86 | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 |
| Street Lighting | 930.96 | 931.00 | 931.00 |
| Charity | 1,949.63 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 13,223.16 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Old Age Assistance Administration | 902.47 | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 3,201.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Veterans' Benefits | 396.86 | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| Schools | 55,143.44 | 63,404.00 | 63,404.00 |
| Trade School Tuition | 281.78 | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| Library | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 900.00 |
| Common | 242.47 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Memorial Day | 125.00 | 125.00 | 125.00 |
| Insurance, town property | 98.10 | 1,600.00 | 1,600.00 |
| Town Reports | 415.40 | 450.00 | 475.00 |
| Cemetery | 693.61 | 750.00 | 600.00 |
| Interest, temporary loans | 98.22 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Interest, maturing debt | 260.00 | 1,003.00 | 1,003.00 |
| | <u>\$98,382.29</u> | <u>\$106,268.00</u> | <u>\$105,043.00</u> |

Report of the Finance Committee

The first regular meeting of the finance committee was held May 8, 1950. The following new officers were elected: James C. Hatch, Chairman; Leo Lavigne, Vice-chairman; Denzil Bagster-Collins, secretary. Finance committee meetings, responsibility and procedure were discussed.

At the meeting of June 5, there was discussion concerning the problem of interpreting accurately the financial statements printed in the town report.

A meeting of the committee was held on August 7 at which Messrs. Gifford and Bennett were present. Article 3 in the warrant for the town meeting of that date called for additional appropriation for the tax collector. Mr. Gifford explained the need for an additional sum of \$100.00 to take care of increased costs for printing, postage and advertising and this amount was approved by the committee. The committee also approved of the transfer of \$3,310. from the machinery fund to the machinery account. Mr. Bennett of the school building committee presented a request for approval of an additional sum of \$8,000.00 to cover the cost of building and equipping the three room addition to the Center School. He explained that following the appropriation of \$86,500.00 at the annual meeting in March, the school building assistance commissioner, Mr. Marshall, had required an increase of 15% in space for the three new rooms and the same increase in one of the old rooms and that a new heating plant would have to be installed to care for this increase. The committee recommended that the entire amount be taken from surplus revenue, subject to the approval of the commissioner of taxation in Boston.

A special meeting of the committee was held on October 16. Joseph Dmuchovsky replaced Mr. Bagster-Collins as secretary of the committee. A discussion was held regarding paid welfare workers.

On November 6, the committee decided to obtain comparative costs of school finance from the towns of Wales, Monson and Hampden. The committee investigated further the cost of paid welfare workers and compared it with towns of like size.

On January 8, 1951, chairman Hatch presented a letter from the town accountant requesting the committee to close out the \$100 in the reserve fund by transferring \$50 to the selectmen's account and \$50 to the fire department. This was approved by the committee. The department of conservation sent a letter recommending \$400 for gypsy moth and insect control and \$200 to be appropriated for Dutch Elm disease in a separate article in the warrant. Chairman Hatch had a detailed typed report from Wales, Monson and Hampden regarding paid welfare workers and associated costs, which was discussed. A special meeting of the committee was held January 15 when Mr. Hatch presented a letter dated Nov. 13, 1950 from the town accountant confirming request to transfer \$350 from the reserve fund to the following: Selectmen \$100, certifying notes \$110, election and registration \$20, town hall \$100, town accountant \$20. Mr. Hatch had previously phoned the members of the committee and obtained their approval when he received the letter in November, without calling a special meeting.

The committee studied the town budget and met with the selectmen and assessors to get information regarding the various appropriations requested. Some reductions in the amounts asked were voted in an effort to keep the total budget to a minimum.

A further discussion of the budget was held at a meeting of the committee January 22 at which time members of the welfare board were present and their request considered. In the opinion of Mrs. Evelyn Landen of that board, the tri-town welfare plan would be more expensive to operate, but will become mandatory by July, 1952.

After the town caucus, the committee interviewed Chief Hicks of the fire department and Supt. Ladd representing the school committee. They explained in detail their requirements for the coming year. At a meeting January 29, Rev. Mr. Manter explained in detail the library budget. Articles in the town warrant were discussed with the selectmen. Under article 17, appropriation of \$659.86 to cover General Highway overdraft was recommended.

Lacking full and complete information regarding the school lunch program, the committee did not feel justified in making any recommendation at this time. Under article 23, the request for \$200.00 for the school athletic fund was not approved. The civil defense fund will have to be discussed at the town meeting as the committee has not obtained sufficient information to pass on same. In compliance with section 4 and 5 of the town by-laws, the committee reports that for the current year it has held a total of nine regular and special meetings.

The committee has found all departments and officers of the town very helpful and eager to be of service and wishes to thank them for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH DMUCHOVSKY
Secretary

Librarian's Report

This has been a busy year at the Library. I have finished the cataloging that was started last year.

We have borrowed from the state lending library in Boston over seventy books and also from the Southbridge library to cooperate with the Church in its "Adventure in Reading".

A new heating plant has been installed, which should prove more efficient and economical than the old one. A small table and four small chairs have been purchased for the younger children.

Many books have been received from the library of Mr. Louis Van Norman.

Relatives of Mr. Lincoln, the donor of the library building called at the library last summer and expressed their pleasure at the condition of the same, also donating a few books.

All visitors are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET E. DUNSMORE
Librarian

NEW BOOKS ADDED LAST YEAR

FICTION

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ames, Jennifer | Flight to Happiness |
| Arthur, Phyllis | Goddess in the Home |
| Bates, H. E. | The Scarlet Sword |
| Brooks, Lady Sylvia | The Darlings |
| Buck, Pearl S. | Peony |
| Brand, Max | The Galloping Broncos |
| Caldwell, Taylor | The Balance Wheel |
| Cather, Willa | Death comes to the Archbishop |
| Cather, Willa | Lucy Gayheart |
| Culver, Alice Ross | The Parson |
| Cronin, A. J. | The Spanish Gardener |
| Fish, Rachel | The Newel Post |
| Fletcher, Inglis | Bennetts Welcome |
| Ford, Leslie | Murder is the Payoff |
| Forester, C. S. | Randall and the River of Time |
| Forrest, Rosaire | The Uneasy Years |
| Frye, Pearl | A Game for Empires |
| Hall, James Norman | The Far Lands |
| Harris, Cyril | Street of Knives |
| Henry, Will | No Survivors |
| Heyer, Georgette | The Grand Sophy |
| Hueston, Ethel | The Family takes a Wife |
| Kyne, Peter B. | Jim the Conqueror |
| Larrimore, Lida | Faraway Haven |
| Macaulay, Rose | The World My Wilderness |
| Meek, Colonel S. P. | Surfman |
| Miller, Helen Topping | Horn of Capricone |
| Miller, Helen Topping | We Have Given Our Hearts Away |
| Moffat, Jessie | Mrs. Gilbert Lancaster 3rd |
| Mulford, Clarence E. | Hopalong Cassidy's Private War |
| Mulford, Clarence E. | Hopalong Cassidy Sees Red |
| Mulford, Clarence E. | Hopalong Cassidy, Rustler |
| | Round-up |
| Overholser, Mayne | Draw or Drag |

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Paul, Louis | A Husband for Mama |
| Perrin, Blanche | Deepwood |
| Raddall, Thomas | Nymph and the Lamp |
| Robinson, Mabel | The Deepening Years |
| Roche, Frison | First on the Rope |
| Ropes, Bradford | Mr. Tilley Takes a Walk |
| Seifert, Elizabeth | Story of Andrea Fields |
| Shirer, William L. | The Traitor |
| Slaughter, Frank | Stubborn Heart |
| Smith, Dodie | I Capture the Castle |
| Standish, Robert | Elephant Walk |
| Stanley, Chuck | Buffalo Brigade |
| Van de Water, Frederic | Reluctant Rebel |
| Waltari, Mika | The Adventurer |
| Wentworth | Through the Wall |
| Williams, Ben Ames | Deven Glen |
| Wright, Walkin | Love Can Wait |
| Queen, Ellery | The Literature of Crime |
| Yates, Elizabeth | Guardian Heart |

NON-FICTION

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Baker, Nina B. | Sir Walter Raleigh |
| Chrysler, Walter | Life of an American Workman |
| Crawford, Marion | The Little Princesses |
| Findlay, Bruce A. | Your Rugged Constitution |
| Fosdick, Harry E. | The Man From Nazareth |
| Girl Scout Handbook | 2 Copies |
| Graham, Alberta P. | Christopher Columbus, Discoverer |
| Hogben, | How the First Man Lived |
| Kyelgaard, Jim | Chip, the Dam Builder |
| Lippincott, Joseph | The Wahoo Bobcat |
| Lofting, Hugo | Doctor Dolittle and the Green Canary |
| Long, Laura | David Farragut |
| MacDonald, Betty | Anybody Can Do Anything |
| Mitchell, Edwin | Romance of New England Antiques |
| Monsell, Helen A. | Woodrow Wilson, Boy President |
| Moody, Ralph | Little Britches |

Stinetorf, Louise
 Snow, Dorothea
 Thorp, Louise
 Woodbury, George

White Witch Doctor
 John Paul Jones, Salt Water Boy
 The Peabody Sisters of Salem
 Story of a Stanley Steamer

JUVENILE

Anderson, Ethel T.
 Beim, Jerrold
 Beim, Lorrane
 Black, Irina
 Bone, Stephen
 Bothwell, Jean
 Brier, Howard M.
 Brown, Paul
 Carter, Ann
 Carroll, Ruth
 Cavanna, Betty
 Chalmers, Audrey
 Crist, Eda and Richard
 Cross, Genevieve
 Du Jardin, Rosamond
 Farley, Walter
 Fenner, Phyllis
 Furman, A. L.
 Gouday, Alice E.
 Harkins, Philip
 Hayes, Marjorie
 Haywood, Carolyn
 Hill, Mabel B.
 Kiser, Martha E.
 Krauss, Ruth
 Le Sueur,
 Leonard, Burgus
 L'Hommedieu
 Machetarn, Sara
 McCoy, Duff
 Millburn, Cynthia

Rainbow Campus
 Country Train
 Just Plain Maggie
 Dusty
 The Little Boy and His House
 Peter Holt, P. K.
 Shortstop Shadow
 Pony School
 Huckleberry Hill
 Where's the Bunny
 Spring Comes Riding
 High Smoke
 Excitement in Appleby Street
 Tommy and the Indians
 Wait for Marry
 The Blood Bay Colt
 Indians, Indians, Indians
 Adventure Stories
 The Good Rain
 Son of the Coach
 Robin on the River
 Betsy's Little Star
 The Enchanted Playhouse
 The Wishing Stars
 The Backward Day
 Sparrow Hawk
 Victory Pass
 Spot, the Dalmatian Pup
 Barney Hits the Trail
 Mystery at Robbers Rock
 Golden Acres

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Orton, Helen | Mystery in the Old Cave |
| Paulson, Jack | Fourth Down Pass |
| Pratten, Albra | Winkie |
| Sauger, Frances | The Wooden Mug |
| Sharp, Adda | Daffy |
| Stuart, Florence | The Necklace |
| Teilbet, Darwin | The Happy Island |
| Tompkins, Jane | The Red Squirrel Twins |
| Ullman, James | River of the Sun |
| Walters, George | Snowplow That Tried to Go South |
| Williams, Lt. Col. J. H. | Elephant Bill |
| Woolley, Catherine | Schoolroom Zoo |

Report of the Fire Chief and Forest Warden

From April 10 to December 31 For The Year 1950.

OFFICERS

| | |
|---------------|------------------|
| Chief | STANLEY C. HICKS |
| Forest Warden | STANLEY C. HICKS |

Deputy Chief

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|------------------|----------------|
| ARTHUR R. GILMAN | DONALD J. LOUX |
|------------------|----------------|

Deputy Forest Wardens

| | |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| HARRY B. LANDEN | ARTHUR R. GILMAN |
| DONALD J. LOUX | HENRY LACH |
| GERALD BONNETTE | CLARK W. HAYWARD |
| PERCY N. MOORE | HAROLD K. GOETZE |
| CHESTER H. NORTON | FRANKLIN R. HASTINGS |

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|---------|------------|
| Foreman | HENRY LACH |
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|-------------------|-----------------|
| Assistant Foremen | GERALD BONNETTE |
| CLARK W. HAYWARD | PERCY N. MOORE |

During the year a special effort has been made to give prompt and efficient service.

An inventory of all equipment on each truck was taken. Equipment and hose was repaired where necessary and is all in good condition at the present time.

Two red fire phones have been installed at East Brimfield, which operate in conjunction with the three already in use in Brimfield.

Through the efforts of the Volunteer Fire Dept. \$250.00 was raised by the sale of CO2 extinguishers, towards the purchase of the Fire Siren that has been installed at the station in East Brimfield—balance of \$302.05 was paid from Fire appropriation.

Complete records have been kept of all activities and expenditures.

FOREST FIRE CALLS

| Place | Time | Reporting | Loss | Cost |
|----------------------------|------------|-----------|-------|-----------------|
| April 18—Five Bridge Rd. | 1:30 P.M. | 33 Men | None | \$57.00 |
| April 27—W. Brimfield R.R. | 11:30 A.M. | 14 Men | None | 21.00 |
| May 7—Hollow Rd. (Wales) | 9:45 A.M. | 21 Men | Wales | No Chg. |
| May 9—Wales | 2:15 P.M. | 37 Men | Wales | Pd. by Wales |
| May 12—Warren Line | 2:30 P.M. | 9 Men | None | 9.00 |
| May 16—Prospect Hill | 1:15 P.M. | 7 Men | None | 7.00 |
| Oct. 2—Horace Brown Est. | 7:30 P.M. | 10 Men | None | 20.00 |
| Oct. 31—Norcross Bank | 11:30 P.M. | 8 Men | None | No Chg. |
| Nov. 19—Elbow Brook | 3:30 P.M. | 15 Men | None | 15.00 |
| Dec. 13—Town Dump | 5:30 P.M. | 4 Men | None | 7.00 |
| Total | | | | <hr/> \$136.00 |

OTHER CALLS

| Place | Time | Reporting | Loss | |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------|-------|------------|
| June 19—Sherman Lake | 1:15 P.M. | 3 Men | Minor | Motor Boat |
| Aug. 16—Palmer Rd. | 7:30 A.M. | 7 Men | Minor | Truck |
| Sept. 10—Paige Hill | 4:30 P.M. | 5 Men | None | Air Plane |
| Sept. 16—Foskett's Hill | 9:30 P.M. | 21 Men | Minor | Truck |
| Oct. 2—Foskett's Hill | 12:15 P.M. | 2 Men | Minor | Car |
| Oct. 6—A. Jensen | 9:40 A.M. | 11 Men | None | Barn |
| Oct. 22—Foskett's Hill | 9:00 P.M. | 17 Men | Minor | Car |
| Oct. 27—L. H. Sheldon | 3:30 P.M. | 2 Men | None | Chimney |
| Oct. 31—Valley Garage | 6:30 A.M. | 17 Men | None | Truck |
| Nov. 22—Roger Mathieu | 11:30 A.M. | 5 Men | None | Chimney |
| Nov. 22—Second Alarm | 3:00 P.M. | 7 Men | None | Chimney |

There have been six (6) Drill Calls during the summer for testing equipment, with an average of fourteen men reporting.

I wish to call to your attention that Permits are required under State regulations for the following:

To install—alter Fuel Oil Burning Equipment.

To install—alter Liquified Petroleum gas.

To store Fuel Oil and Gas.

A (Certificate of Competency) is required for all installations or alterations of Oil or Gas burning equipment.

PERMITS ISSUED

| | |
|---|-----|
| To install—alter Fuel Oil Burning Equipment | 14 |
| To install Liquified Petroleum Gas | 8 |
| For Blasting | 1 |
| To store Fuel Oil (Total 70,795 gals.) | 342 |
| To store L. P. Gas (Total 26,050 lbs.) | 135 |

This does not include cottages around Little Alum Lake and Sherman Lake.

NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASED

| | |
|---|----------|
| 2—6000 A2M Scott Air Paks | 395.00 |
| 2—Extra Scott Tanks | 75.00 |
| 2—#80 Indian Pump Cans | 48.00 |
| 2—#90 Indian Pump Cans | 82.00 |
| 6—R. B. Brackets | 36.00 |
| Express | 9.39 |
| 1 Federal 5 H. P. single phase siren | (495.00) |
| Raised by Volunteer Fire Co. | 250.00 |
| <hr/> | |
| Paid by Town | 245.00 |
| Materials for Installation | 40.05 |
| Labor for Installation | 17.00 |

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| 4—Hand Lights with Batteries | 52.00 |
| 4—Running Board Holders for Lights | 10.00 |
| 1—9x11 canvas | 9.00 |
| 12—Spanner wrenches @ 1.10 | 13.20 |
| Total | <hr/> \$1,031.64 |

FIRE DEPT. BUDGET 1951

| | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Salary | 50.00 |
| Storage | 300.00 |
| Gas, Oil and Repairs | 250.00 |
| Telephone | 130.00 |
| Ins. on Trucks | 200.00 |
| Ins. on Men | 175.00 |
| F. F. Permits | 50.00 |
| Fire Payroll | 400.00 |
| New Equipment | 245.00 |
| New Hose | 600.00 |
| Misc. | 100.00 |
| Total | <hr/> \$2,500.00 |

SIREN SIGNALS

A new signal system has been established,—effective March 1st 1951 to conform with National Civilian Defense, namely:

- 1 Blast for Forest Fire
- 2 Blasts for all other Fires
- 1 Blast at 7:30 A. M.—No School
- Long wavy blast of 3 min. for Air Raid
- 3—1 min. blasts—all clear

I wish to thank the Citizens of the Town and the members of the Volunteer Fire Dept. for their cooperation in keeping our fire loss at a minimum.

STANLEY C. HICKS

Fire Chief and Forest Warden

1950 Report of the TRUSTEES FOR COUNTY AID TO AGRICULTURE

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD

According to Section 45, Chapter 128 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, any town may appropriate money to be expended by the Trustees for carrying out the provisions of the law under which they are appointed.

Agents of the Trustees have made contacts during the past year in your town either by public meetings, individual farm and home visits, group discussions, demonstrations or otherwise in attempting to assist citizens toward improved farm practices, better home management and work with boys and girls in 4-H club work.

The following citizens have been of real assistance in promoting such assigned projects as have been conducted during the year:

Mrs. Robert J. MacConnell, Mrs. Herbert Wright, Mrs. Gladys Whitten, Mrs. Albert Gendreau, Mrs. M. J. St. Clair and Mrs. Ralph Hall.

An expense of \$39.24 was incurred by these local leaders for either travel or purchase of material needed in carrying on the various projects. Any appropriation

made by your town is used exclusively for reimbursing your own citizens for any necessary expenses they may incur in performing such duties as may be assigned to them.

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|------------------------------------|---------|
| 1950 Appropriation | \$25.00 |
| Balance carried over from 1949 | 28.81 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | 53.81 |
| Expended in 1950 | 39.24 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance available for 1951 | 14.57 |
| Appropriation recommended for 1951 | 50.00 |

Respectfully,

Trustees For County Aid To Agriculture

LBB:c

L. B. BOSTON, Clerk

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

This year we have again covered all the town roads and have done some field work. We found and destroyed 1,768 egg masses of the gypsy moth.

PERCY N. MOORE, Supt.

School Committee's Report

SCHOOL COMMITTEE—1950

| Member | Term expires |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| FRANCES LEMMELIN, Chairman | 1951 |
| HENRY LACH | 1952 |
| ROGER W. BENNETT, Secretary | 1953 |

Superintendent of Schools

HAROLD M. LADD

Office Hours

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 m. - 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
when school is in session

At the high or elementary school by appointment
Telephone Monson 67-2 (office) or
Monson 365-3 (residence)

Secretary to the Superintendent

HELYNN S. HALEY

Office telephone — Monson 67-2

Office Hours

8:30 a.m. to 12 m. - 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
when school is in session

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| School Physician | ROBERT T. BUSH, M. D. |
| School Nurse | LUELLA I. YOUNG, R. N. |
| Supervisor of Attendance | EDWARD E. SHEERAN |

Hours of School Sessions

High School: 8:45 a.m. to 12:04 p.m. — 12:45 p. m. to 3:00 p.m.

Elementary: 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 m. — 12:55 p.m. to 2:55 p.m.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL—One blast of the Fire Alarm will indicate that there is to be no session of school.

Entering Age of Children

Six years of age on or before the first of January following the opening of school in September.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1950-1951

1950

| | | | |
|-----------|----|-----------|---|
| September | 6 | Wednesday | Schools open |
| October | 12 | Thursday | Schools closed—Columbus Day |
| | 20 | Friday | Schools closed—Hampden County Teachers' Association Convention |
| November | 22 | Wednesday | Schools closed at 12:30 p. m. Thanksgiving recess |
| | 27 | Monday | Schools reopen |
| December | 22 | Friday | Schools closed—Christmas vacation |

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| January | 2 | Tuesday | Schools reopen |
| February | 16 | Friday | Schools closed—Midwinter vacation |
| | 26 | Monday | Schools reopen |
| March | 23 | Friday | Schools closed—Good Friday |
| April | 13 | Friday | Schools closed—Spring vacation |
| | 23 | Monday | Schools reopen |
| May | 30 | Wednesday | Schools closed—Memorial Day |
| June | 1* | Friday | Elementary schools close for summer vacation |
| | 13* | | High school closes for summer vacation |

* Tentative dates

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

I herewith submit my ninth report as superintendent of schools. This report includes the report of the high school principal, school nurse, music supervisor and various statistical tables relating to the operation of the schools.

STAFF

The following teachers have been elected to fill vacancies existing at the end of the last school year: Elaine Wright, Commercial; Madeline Harrington, Grade IV. Louise Dickinson was granted a leave of absence until June 1951 and Helen Walinski has been assigned to Grade V. A complete record of the training and experience of all teachers will be found in Appendix C.

HOUSING

The day is not far distance when all elementary grades will be housed in one building and this will fill a long felt need. High school facilities have been taxed to the utmost and the transfer of two grades to the new addition at the elementary school will allow much more effective use of the present high school building.

Many surveys have been conducted during the past two years to determine the minimum size of an efficient high school and the findings indicate that there are at least sixty high schools in Massachusetts that should

unite with other high schools to establish a regional high school. Brimfield high school is one of these schools and there is a survey committee composed of representatives of three neighboring towns, in addition to Brimfield, that is making a detailed study of this problem. Space does not permit the enumeration of the advantages of this plan but units have been operating outside of New England for several years and their experience proves conclusively that it is a progressive step in education.

An emergency board has been established to finance the construction of regional high schools and eliminate the necessity of special legislation.

DEMOCRACY ON TRIAL

The declaration of a national emergency and recent events in the Far East have brought into focus the fact that all countries must unite to form a strong world organization if we are to realize political and economic freedom. The forces of slavery are at work making the future of democracy insecure. Results obtained by the United Nations have formulated the basis of an enduring understanding between nations but this can work only if the participating countries conform to the plan and exercise tolerance.

There are twenty-four million pupils in our schools today and that number exceeds the total population of the United States in the year 1850. Any program involving the use of arms to check the flow of violence will place upon these young people the responsibility of protecting our freedom. Wars have followed a rather definite cycle for the past century and there has been a period of one or two generations between conflicts. A permanent state of emergency does not allow time to recover when a situation degenerates into a constant con-

flict. This drains schools of pupils and teachers and forces them into military life. Those that are left must be classed as sub-standard but they constitute an increasing proportion of school population.

Schools must adjust their programs to educate for a new standard of living if we are to accept an armed peace as the only existence that a free nation can hope to expect.

HEALTH

Selective service boards find that rejections are running as high as sixty percent and this exceeds the figures of World War II. Lowell Mellett writing in the Washington (D. C.) Evening Star states: "The reports of rejections by draft boards have been truly depressing as they reflect the condition, physical and mental, of the nation's manpower." Indications are that it may be necessary for those with dependents to be called back to meet the demands of selective service. This is a sad commentary on the kind of man we are building in this generation. It is a large order and if left entirely to the schools, it may fail. Many of these rejections are caused by improper living habits, diet or general disregard of the simple rules for good health.

Schools can guide and inform but they cannot enforce health rules. Sane living is a home problem because there is where most living takes place. Good guidance is essential to any program and your schools are ready and willing to help with any health question that may arise. Parents are urged to confer with teachers regarding physical handicaps that may not be obvious if they can in any way hinder normal progress in school.

FEDERAL LUNCH PROGRAM

A subsidized lunch program makes it possible to provide a balanced hot lunch for a nominal charge. Assistance is in the form of cash reimbursement and surplus commodities with all savings passed on to the pupils in the form of a low cost lunch. The objective is for the pupil to purchase a whole lunch because each menu has been set up with the idea of furnishing the right amounts of the necessary food elements. Some pupils purchase one or two items to supplement what is brought from home but this defeats the purpose of the whole program. In the first place there is no reimbursement for parts of a meal and often, from a nutritional standpoint, the item purchased is a duplicate of what the pupil brings from home.

A recent law provides that all income and expenditures are handled by the town treasurer and in the event of a deficit, towns may appropriate money to maintain the lunch program. The success of such a venture depends upon patronage and consolidation of the elementary grades should make our lunch program self-sustaining. The installation of new equipment at the elementary school provides an excellent cafeteria and we are most fortunate to have a manager as competent as Mrs. Dady.

ATHLETICS

A recent change in the law provides that all receipts and expenditures for high school athletics must be handled by the town treasurer and a special appropriation must be made to handle this account. Student Councils and other organizations have always provided the money to carry on the athletic program and the value of this provision is to be determined.

CONCLUSION

As I conclude this report of the activities of the Brimfield schools, I wish to express my appreciation to all members of the school personnel for the part they have played in the accomplishments of the past year. Principals are the captains of their respective teams and teachers are the focal point of the learning process. The Parent-Teacher Association has maintained a high level of interest in school affairs and that is most gratifying. We all belong to the same team with a common interest to provide the best possible educational opportunities for our children.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD M. LADD

Superintendent of Schools

Report of the High School Principal

Mr. Harold M. Ladd

Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mr. Ladd:

I submit my ninth annual report as principal of Hitchcock Free Academy, operated as Brimfield High School.

School opened September 6, 1950 with 101 pupils. This is a slight drop in enrolment in comparison with the past few years. However, a study of the birth records of the town indicates a steady growth in enrolment with the greatest number of high school age in 1961.

Twice in the last decade it has been necessary to raise money to build and enlarge the elementary school. Since first things must come first this is as it should be; but it should be noted that the high school facilities have had little attention during this time. The high school has been able to hold its Class A rating by the State Department of Education chiefly because our teachers have been willing to work harder and more conscientiously than is the general practice. Each teacher

spends many additional hours on the extra-curricula activities which are so essential to complete the child's education.

We need facilities which will provide for vocational as well as college preparatory subjects, better provisions for health and physical education, and training in music and art.

It seems to me that the only way to provide the things required for a modern educational program is for several surrounding towns to form a regional school. It is clearly demonstrated that the increased enrolment which would result from the joining of towns would bring about a lowering of the cost per pupil to all concerned.

The increase of state aid (up to 65% for Brimfield) toward building costs makes the regional school proposition so attractive that it is the duty of every citizen to study this question.

During World War II, Brimfield High School did an outstanding job in preparing our pupils mentally and physically for the war effort. The teachers taught extra courses in first aid, home nursing, issued ration books; the pupils collected scrap paper, sold war bonds, and studied special courses preparing for the armed services. I want you to know that we stand ready to do whatever may be required of us in the present emergency.

I wish to thank you, the school committee, and the faculty for your continued cooperation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. BRUCE

Appendix A

REPORT OF SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

At the pre-school clinic held in June, Dr. Robert Bush, school physician, examined 10 children who were to enter school in September. The school children were given their yearly examinations in September and October. Parents were notified of defects needing dental and medical attention at this time. The need of dental care was the most noticeable, three have heart conditions and six have symptoms of enlarged tonsils. There seems to be a tendency toward the development of flat feet and poor posture. More care should be given to the proper fitting of shoes as well as better care of the teeth.

In November and December a Diphtheria Immunization Clinic was held at the Town Hall and the school physician Dr. Robert Bush gave the treatments assisted by Mrs. Raymond Lemmelin and Mrs. Donald Loux. Nine pre-school children were given three treatments, three had two treatments and two had only one treatment. Seven pre-school had the Booster dose. Fourteen school children had the three regular treatments and fifty-two had a Booster dose. In all eighty-eight attended the clinic. Although the school personnel function in this clinic, it is financed by the local Board of Health.

In the Spring the ninth and twelfth grades at Hitchcock Academy went to Palmer for chest X-rays by the case-finding clinic. This clinic is sponsored by the State

Department of Health and the Hampden County Tuberculosis and Public Health Association.

The school nurse made twenty visits to the schools, gave the vision and hearing tests, kept growth and other records, made home visits to consult with parents and had conferences with teachers and others.

Respectfully submitted,

LUELLA I. YOUNG

School Nurse

Appendix B

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

Mr. Harold M. Ladd

Superintendent of Schools

Brimfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Ladd:

The ultimate aim of all music education is the appreciation of music. This involves the formation of favorable attitudes toward music, the acquisition of singing skills, and a knowledge of basic and necessary music rudiments. Teaching techniques have been demonstrated and material presented which will aid the teachers in fulfilling the above named objectives.

The music program has benefited a great deal by the addition of new equipment. A modern electric phonograph has been placed at the disposal of the music department. This instrument will enrich the listening experiences of all pupils.

The high school band now has a bass horn and a baritone horn. These instruments will help round out the instrumentation, but it is recommended that more instruments of the middle and lower registers be purchased.

A junior band for high school pupils has been organized. This band serves to bridge the gap between the elementary school instrumental classes and the senior high school band. Free instruction is given on all band and orchestra instruments from grades IV through XII.

The Seashore Tests of Musical Talent have been given to pupils in grade V through X. The purpose of the testing program is to discover the more musically responsive boys and girls and guide them into musical activities suitable to their talents.

A Spring concert was given last May with all local and instrumental organizations participating.

In closing I wish to thank the superintendent of schools, the principals, teachers and parents for the co-operation and assistance given me this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN T. DAVIES

Supervisor of Music

December 30, 1950

Appendix C
Directory of School Staff
December 31, 1950

| Position | Name | Training | Years Service in Brimfield | Total Years Service | Salary |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| Administrative Staff | | | | | |
| Superintendent | Harold M. Ladd | B.S. Ed.M. | 9 | 29 | \$1250 |
| Secretary to the Superintendent | Helynn S. Haley | * | 15 | 16 | 625 |
| High School | | | | | |
| Commercial | †Elaine P. Wright | * | 2 | 2 | 2000 |
| English | Eugenia P. Tarbell | A.B. | 16 | 19 | 2450 |
| Math, Science | Freda B. Stegner | A.B. | 19 | 27 | 2550 |
| Sci., Social Studies | Robert E. Bruce, Prin. | B.S. | 9 | 22 | 3600 |
| Music | Benjamin T. Davies | B. Mus. | 1 | 1 | 550 |
| Household Arts | Morine Cheney | B.S. | 8 | 15 | 780 |
| Industrial Arts | | | | | |
| and Gr. VIII | William T. Rogers | B.S. in Ed. | 1 | 1 | 2400 |
| Grade VII | Mary Gaudette | — | 6 | 31 | 2200 |

Elementary

| | | | | | | |
|---------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------|----|----|------|
| I | Edna Peterson | Ed.M. | Boston University | 5 | 16 | 2200 |
| II | Gladys Webber | * | Westfield Normal | 11 | 36 | 2220 |
| III | Irma Davis | * | Washington State | 1 | 22 | 1800 |
| IV | ‡Madeline Harrington | M.S. | University of Mass. | 0 | 0 | 2000 |
| V | §Helen Walinski | A.B. | Elm's College | 0 | 0 | 1800 |
| VI | Joseph J. Degulis, Prin. | B.S. in Ed. | Fitchburg S.T.C. | 1 | 1 | 2500 |
| Janitor | Edward E. Sheeran | | | 8 | 8 | |

* Diploma

† Norman Cournoyer to June

‡ Ethel Orr to June

§ Louise Dickinson to October 30. On leave of absence

Appendix D—Table I
ANNUAL SCHOOL CENSUS, 1950
As of October 1

| | 5 years or over and under 7 | 7 years or over and under 16 | Illiterate minors 16 years or over and under 21 |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Total in Town | | | |
| Boys | 22 | 105 | |
| Girls | 28 | 90 | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | |
| Total | 50 | 195 | |
| In public school | 24 | 182 | |
| In continuation school | | | |
| In vocational school | | 2 | |
| In private school | 4 | 8 | |
| In state and county schools and special classes for defectives and delinquents | 1 | 2 | |
| Not enrolled in any school | 21 | 1 | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | |
| Total | 50 | 195 | |

Appendix D—Table II
AGE - GRADE TABLE
October 1, 1950

| Age Grade | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | Total |
|--------------|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| I | 2 | 18 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 21 |
| II | | 4 | 16 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | 25 |
| III | | | 8 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 21 |
| IV | | | | 2 | 12 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | 24 |
| V | | | | | 2 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | 22 |
| VI | | | | | 1 | 4 | 13 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | 33 |
| VII | | | | | | | 2 | 11 | 3 | 2 | | | | | | | 18 |
| VIII | | | | | | | | 2 | 8 | 5 | 1 | | | | | | 16 |
| IX | | | | | | | | | 2 | 18 | 5 | 1 | | | | | 26 |
| X | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 10 | 6 | | | | | 18 |
| XI | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 9 | | | | | 10 |
| XII | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 6 | 1 | 1 | | 10 |
| Total | 2 | 22 | 25 | 11 | 22 | 19 | 24 | 24 | 20 | 31 | 18 | 18 | 6 | 1 | 1 | | 244 |

Appendix E

ITEMIZED ACCOUNTS, 1950

GENERAL EXPENSES

| | | |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Harold M. Ladd | \$1,449.92 | |
| Helynn S. Haley | 608.28 | |
| New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. | 135.90 | |
| Makepeace Press | 23.41 | |
| Clark W. Hayward | 12.50 | |
| Frances Lemmelin | 125.00 | |
| Roger Bennett | 100.00 | |
| Henry Lach | 100.00 | |
| Edward Sheeran | 52.00 | |
| Mass. Ass'n. Sch. Com. | 10.00 | |
| John Manter | 35.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2,652.01 |

TEACHERS' SALARIES

| | | |
|------------|-----------|-----------|
| High | 12,040.00 | |
| Elementary | 18,465.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 30,505.00 |

TEXTBOOKS

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| Houghton Mifflin Co. | \$ 6.01 |
| Scott Forsman & Co. | 118.67 |
| Gregg Pub. Co. | 10.35 |
| Nelson Music Co. | 19.26 |
| D. C. Heath & Co. | 30.84 |
| Prentice-Hall Co. | 1.92 |
| World Book Co. | 31.34 |
| Chas. E. Merrill Co. | 10.24 |
| Ginn & Co. | 135.64 |

| | | |
|------------------------|-------|----------|
| McGraw Hill Co. | 33.83 | |
| L. W. Sineer Co. | 2.63 | |
| Iroquois Pub. Co. | 42.44 | |
| Republic Book Co. | 13.50 | |
| College Entrance Co. | 15.70 | |
| South-Western Pub. Co. | 27.10 | |
| Lyons-Carnahan Co. | 16.72 | |
| Macmillan Co. | 20.35 | |
| Allyn-Bacon Co. | 41.71 | |
| Walberg & Auge | 2.60 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$580.85 |

SUPPLIES

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------|------------|
| Cambosco Sci Co. | \$55.72 | |
| Walberg & Auge | 2.00 | |
| Faulkner Hardware Co. | 52.11 | |
| Hyatt Gas Co. | 13.50 | |
| Winde-McCormack Co. | 48.74 | |
| Morine Cheney | 109.44 | |
| World Book Co. | 17.63 | |
| Brodhead Garrett Co. | 85.62 | |
| Mainco Trading Co. | 491.34 | |
| Lewis Howlett | 35.55 | |
| Springfield Office Co. | 31.40 | |
| J. L. Hammett Co. | 186.38 | |
| M. Steinert & Sons | 5.00 | |
| Kittredge Store Fixtures | 31.52 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,165.95 |

WAGES OF JANITOR

| | | |
|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Edward E. Sheeran | 2,542.50 | |
| Grace Dady | 6.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 2,548.50 |

FUEL

| | | |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Squier & Co. | 1,111.59 | |
| Southbridge Coal Co. | 939.83 | |
| N. D. Fountain | 15.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 2,066.42 |

MISCELLANEOUS (Operating)

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------|------------|
| Faulkner Hardware Co. | \$ 13.00 | |
| Hatchs' Village Store | 182.01 | |
| Worcester County Elec. Co. | 438.95 | |
| J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co. | 162.16 | |
| Frank Bros. Paper Co. | 250.41 | |
| Odorite Sanitation Co. | 30.50 | |
| Brimfield Garage | .40 | |
| Lewis Howlett | 15.00 | |
| K. M. Crawford Co. | 7.39 | |
| G. A. Authier & Sons | 25.83 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,125.65 |

MAINTENANCE (Repairs)

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| Archie Leveille | 4.50 | |
| Fuller D. Jackson | 6.40 | |
| Royal Type Co. | 46.25 | |
| E. W. Fisher | 24.25 | |
| Arnold Cutler | 11.50 | |
| Joseph Van Hook | 5.00 | |
| Faulkner Hardware Co. | .40 | |
| G. A. Authier & Sons | 313.71 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 412.01 |

HEALTH

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Hampden County Tuberculosis Ass'n. | 200.00 |
| Luella I. Young | 7.70 |

| | | |
|---------------------|--------|--------|
| Dr. Robert J. Bush | 100.00 | |
| Yale H. Brown | 2.17 | |
| Baker Sports Center | 2.20 | |
| | <hr/> | 312.07 |

TRANSPORTATION

| | | |
|------------------------|------------|-------------|
| George Freeman | \$1,286.00 | |
| Charles Wheeler | 7,151.66 | |
| William Spooner | 2,196.00 | |
| Noah Fountain | 1,785.70 | |
| Andrew Gondek | 471.00 | |
| Emilie Bagster-Collins | 114.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$13,004.36 |

TUITION

| | | |
|---------------------|-------|-------|
| Town of Southbridge | 67.68 | |
| | | 67.68 |

MISCELLANEOUS (Auxiliary)

| | | |
|----------------------------|-------|----------|
| H. M. Ladd (speaker) | 10.00 | |
| Com. Public Safety | 10.00 | |
| H. E. Hitchcock | 5.00 | |
| Springfield Freight Lines | 1.93 | |
| Trustees Boston University | 20.90 | |
| Palmer Register | 12.00 | |
| Frank J. Cole | 7.44 | |
| J. L. Hammett Co. | 46.95 | |
| Madeline Harrington | 25.00 | |
| Town of Brimfield | 45.48 | |
| H. M. Ladd | 2.02 | |
| Grace Dady | 48.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$234.72 |

NEW EQUIPMENT

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Kittredge Store Fixtures | \$468.22 | |
| | | \$468.22 |

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Harold M. Ladd

Superintendent of Schools

Brimfield, Mass.

Dear Mr. Ladd:

I submit herewith my third report as manager of the school lunch program in the Brimfield Schools.

A total of 12,062 type A lunches were served during the year, and 1,296 of these were without charge. There were also a total of 2,690 type C lunches served.

The diet was carefully planned to provide the highest nutritional value at a minimum cost.

During the month of September the school lunch program was not in operation because of the addition. In the month of October a type C program was in operation at the Elementary School.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Killian for her co-operation and assistance for the past two years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Brimfield School Committee, the Parents, and Teachers for their interest and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE DADY, Manager
FRANCES LEMMELIN,
Supervisor

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS — 1950

| | Expenditures, 1950 | | Estimated 1951 |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| | High | Elementary | Total |
| | \$ 1,326.01 | \$ 1,326.00 | \$ 2,652.01 |
| | | | \$ 2,850.00 |
| General expenses | | | |
| Expenses of instruction | | | |
| Teachers' salaries | 12,040.00 | 18,465.00 | 30,505.00 |
| Textbooks | 285.43 | 295.42 | 580.85 |
| Supplies | 740.54 | 425.41 | 1,165.95 |
| Expenses of operating | | | |
| Janitors' wages | 1,271.25 | 1,277.25 | 2,548.50 |
| Fuel | 754.83 | 1,311.59 | 2,066.42 |
| Miscellaneous | 309.61 | 816.04 | 1,125.65 |
| Maintenance (repairs) | 381.41 | 30.60 | 412.01 |
| Auxiliary agencies | | | |
| Libraries | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Health | 153.85 | 158.22 | 312.07 |
| Transportation | 4,248.62 | 8,755.74 | 13,004.36 |
| Tuition | | 67.68 | 67.68 |
| Miscellaneous | 107.59 | 127.13 | 234.72 |
| New equipment | | 468.22 | 468.22 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$21,619.14 | 33,524.30 | 55,143.44 |
| Total appropriation, 1950 | | | \$55,150.00 |
| Total expenditures, 1950 | | | <hr/> 55,143.44 |
| Balance, 1950 | | | \$ 6.56 |

NET COST OF OPERATING BRIMFIELD SCHOOLS

1950

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Appropriation, 1950 | \$55,150.00 | |
| Unexpended, 1950 | 6.56 | |
| | <hr/> | \$55,143.44 |

Receipts:

From the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

| | |
|--|-------------|
| School funds, Chap. 643 | \$13,714.30 |
| Superintendent's salary | 892.09 |
| Transportation Chap. 70, s7A | 10,826.80 |
| Tuition and transportation of State Wards | 6,211.86 |
| Tuition, non-resident | 3,147.55 |
| Income that must be expended for the support of schools | 2,000.00 |

| | | |
|----------------|-------|-----------|
| Total Receipts | <hr/> | 36,792.60 |
|----------------|-------|-----------|

| | | |
|------------------|-------|-------------|
| NET COST TO TOWN | <hr/> | \$18,350.84 |
|------------------|-------|-------------|

Town Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden, ss

To the Town Clerk of Brimfield, GREETINGS

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Brimfield, on Monday, the 5th day of March 1951 at 12 o'clock noon, to act on the following:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 2. To give in their votes to the election officers on one ballot for the following Town Officers: Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Three Selectmen, Tree Warden, Five Constables, all for the term of one year; one member of the board of Public Welfare, one School Committeeman, One Assessor, One Cemetery Commissioner, Two Library Trustees, for the term of three years.

The polls will open at twelve o'clock noon and will close at eight o'clock in the evening. All business of said meeting and elections of town officers, except the elec-

tion of such officers and the determination of such matters as by law are required to be elected or determined by ballot, shall be considered after 7:30 P. M.

Article 3. To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the town and act thereon.

Article 4. To see what salaries the town will allow its officers for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To raise and appropriate money for the support of various departments and activities of the town, payment of debts and defray expenses of the ensuing year and direct how same shall be expended.

Article 6. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Compensation Insurance Fund together with a sum to be raised by taxation to purchase compensation insurance for Town employees.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of the Holland, Warren and Brookfield roads under Chapter 90, to be used with sums allotted by the State and County for this purpose.

Article 9. To elect one Trustee of the Harriet Harding Fund for three years.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Chapter 90 construction to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State and County or both for the purpose.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the treasurer with the approval of the selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1951 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for the period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of reimbursement of allotments made by the State and County for highways including bridges.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place of the Town fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town under Tax title procedure, provided that the Selectmen or whomever they may authorize to hold such public auction, may reject any bid which they deem inadequate.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 to be expended in the Town by the Hampden County Trustees for Aid to Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 128, Section 42.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$196.95 in connection with Hampden County Retirement System.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money from the Machinery Fund for the maintenance, care, replacement and purchase of town machinery for the ensuing year.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$659.86 to make up the overdraft in the general highway account.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$177.55 to make up the overdraft in the school lunch account.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the amount of Government Bond interest on deposit in the Monson Savings Bank, to be used with money previously appropriated for the addition to the Center School Building, including furnishings therefor.

Article 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Civilian Defense or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to form a public welfare district together with any other town or towns or take any action relative thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the School Lunch program or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for support of High School athletics, or take any action thereon.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to continue the existing Educational Survey Committee or take any action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting copies thereof at the Town Hall and Post Office, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this tenth day of February 1951.

EDWIN F. FENTON

GEORGE B. ADAMS, Jr.

ANDREW W. GONDEK

Selectmen of Brimfield

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Town Officers

OF THE

Town of Brimfield



AND OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1951

THE PALMER REGISTER, Inc..

Palmer, Mass.

1952

Town Officers --- 1951

Town Clerk

MABEL B. PEIRCE

Treasurer

EUGENIA P. TARBELL

Tax Collector

ALMA L. FOGG, Resigned

HARRIET T. BROWN

Selectmen

ANDREW W. GONDEK

GEORGE B. ADAMS, Jr.

EDWIN F. FENTON

Assessors

EDWARD J. KILLIAN

Term expires 1954

JOHN M. HALEY

Term expires 1953

JOHN P. MOORE

Term expires 1952

School Committee

FRANCES M. LEMMELIN

Term expires 1954

ROGER W. BENNETT

Term expires 1953

HENRY LACH

Term expires 1952

Board of Public Welfare

J. FREDERICK LAWRENCE

Term expires 1954

LLEWELLYN B. NORTON

Term expires 1953

EVELYN B. LANDEN

Term expires 1952

Cemetery Commission

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| EVERETT D. LANDEN | Term expires 1954 |
| GEORGE E. HITCHCOCK | Term expires 1953 |
| CHENEY F. NEWTON | Term expires 1952 |

Library Trustees

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| ROBERT E. BRUCE | Term expires 1954 |
| ALMA L. FOGG | Term expires 1954 |
| CHARLES A. DeLAND, Jr. | Term expires 1953 |
| EUGENIA P. TARBELL | Term expires 1953 |
| AGNES B. HICKS | Term expires 1952 |
| JOHN G. MANTER | Removed from town |

Tree Warden

PERCY N. MOORE

Constables

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| RAYMOND D. CLARKE | GEORGE E. HITCHCOCK |
| HENRY LACH | HARRY B. LANDEN |
| CHESTER H. NORTON | |

Trustees, Harding Fund

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| JAMES A. G. HOYT | Deceased |
| ALMA W. BISSELL | Term expires 1953 |
| EDWARD J. KILLIAN | Term expires 1952 |

Appointive Town Officers 1951

Town Accountant

FRANK S. GIFFORD

Superintendent of Streets

HAROLD E. HITCHCOCK

Chief Fire Dept. & Forest Warden

STANLEY C. HICKS

Inspector of Animals

CHESTER H. NORTON

Inspector of Slaughtering

DANIEL H. WELLS, Jr.

Sealer of Weights & Measures

ERNEST J. COLLETTE

Moth Superintendent

PERCY N. MOORE

Agent, Board of Health

Dr. ROBERT BUSH

Burial Agent

ALFRED WIGGLESWORTH

Measurer of Wood & Bark

J. FREDERICK LAWRENCE

Field Drivers

HAROLD JOHNSTON

RALPH L. STANTON

Finance Committee

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| DENZIL BAGSTER-COLLINS | Term expires 1952 |
| JOSEPH DMUCHOVSKY | Term expires 1952 |
| SAMUEL ORMSBEE | Term expires 1952 |
| DAVID B. BROWN | Term expires 1953 |
| NOAH D. FOUNTAIN | Term expires 1953 |
| FENTON R. HASTINGS | Term expires 1953 |
| JAMES C. HATCH | Term expires 1954 |
| HERMAN HAVEN | Term expires 1954 |
| LEO LAVIGNE | Term expires 1954 |

Jury List

| | |
|------------------|---------------------|
| PHILIP T. BROWN | GEORGE E. HITCHCOCK |
| JOHN P. MOORE | HAROLD D. JOHNSTON |
| WILLIAM WHITTEN | JAMES E. McINTYRE |
| THEODORE SKOWYRA | PERCY N. MOORE |
| HARRY B. LANDEN | |

Town Clerk's Report

LICENSES ISSUED FOR THE DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND GAME

87 Resident Fishing
 33 Resident Women's and Minors Fishing
 12 Special Non-Resident Fishing
 8 Non-Resident Fishing
 49 Resident Hunting
 60 Resident Sporting
 16 Resident Sporting (Free)
 4 Resident Military Sporting (Free)
 1 Duplicate

DOGS LICENSED—1951

| | | |
|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 126 Male | @ \$2.00 | \$252.00 |
| 35 Female | @ \$5.00 | 175.00 |
| 48 Spayed | @ \$2.00 | 96.00 |
| 3 Kennel | @ \$25.00 | 75.00 |
| 1 Kennel | @ \$10.00 | 10.00 |

\$608.00

Less Clerk's fees, 213 @ 20¢

42.60

Balance paid Treasurer

\$565.40

BIRTHS RECORDED

| Date | Name | Parents |
|----------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| February | | |
| 18 | Edward Joseph Rousseau | Gerard J. and Emma H. Courtemanche |
| 25 | Ronald William Bliss | William F. and Beatrice E. Macumber |
| March | | |
| 2 | Darlene Ann Paquette | Velmore A. and Marion E. Fish |
| 5 | Nancy Ann Hicks | Richard N. and Shirley E. Ouellette |
| 13 | Patricia Catherine Peloquin | George R. and Charlotte M. Murphy |
| 19 | Cynthia Ellen Fresh | William A. and Carol Wigglesworth |
| April | | |
| 8 | George David Langlois | George N. and Mary C. Buccelli |
| May | | |
| 3 | Bruce Randall Bennett | Roger W. and Beatrice E. Randall |
| June | | |
| 2 | Elizabeth Ann Craite | Norman P. and Helene F. Strout |
| 21 | Lee Adams | James A. Jr. and Caroline P. Hicks |
| 23 | Martha Jeanne Closson | Theodore S. and Marcelle Grise |
| 30 | Raymond Joseph Paul Therrien | Paul R. and Eleanor B. Leigh |
| July | | |
| 13 | Elizabeth Louise Puchta | Emil and Louise Gagliardi |
| 14 | Mark George Brousseau | George A. and Patricia M. Boehm |
| 28 | Daniel Wilk Matys | Joseph and Verna F. Gracia |
| August | | |
| 16 | Sandra Richardson | Frank J. and Doris Bridget D'Arcy |
| 22 | Stanley Joseph Livernois | Albert J. Jr. and Hazel C. Puduski |
| 29 | Marilyn Gertrude Pratt | William X. and Gertrude M. Killian |
| 31 | Sheryl Ann MacConnell | Robert J. Jr. and Barbara E. Nichols |

September

| | | |
|----|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 11 | Charles Lewis Stanton | Ralph I. and Nancy A. Coolbroth |
| 11 | Richard Francis Lach | Henry and Margaret E. Killian |
| 12 | Richard Harold Tucker | Jack E. and Dorothy E. McKenney |

October

| | | |
|----|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 8 | John Russell Senigo, III | John R. Jr. and Dorothy Owens |
| 21 | Theodore Matthew Harper, Jr. | Theodore M. and Ruth M. Crocker |

November

| | | |
|----|-----------|--|
| 25 | Stillborn | |
|----|-----------|--|

December

| | | |
|----|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 6 | Sandra Diane Boone | Frank N. and Pierfette M. Chabot |
| 11 | Robert Paul Waite | Walter F. and Elsie M. Boone |
| 17 | Christian Russell Strom | Lester A. and Della M. Reed |
| 19 | Dennis Henry Snow | Henry D. and Marion E. Griswold |
| 21 | Rebecca Bradway | Richard E. and Roberta J. Patterson |

MARRIAGES RECORDED

| Date | Groom | Residence | Bride | Residence |
|------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|
|------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|

January

| | | | | |
|----|---------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|
| 14 | Joseph Henry Kresco | Brimfield | Lillian Rutcho | Southbridge |
|----|---------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|

February

| | | | | |
|---|----------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| 3 | Frank N. Boone | Brimfield | Pierrette Chabot | Brimfield |
|---|----------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|

March

| | | | | |
|----|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 17 | Ralph Henry Vageline | No. Wilbraham | Bette Harriet Kennedy | Agawam |
| 18 | Ralph I. Stanton | Brimfield | Nancy Ann Coolbroth | Brimfield |

| Date | Groom | Residence | Bride | Residence |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 21 | Edward Jezek | Staffordville, Ct. | Martha Ackerman | Staffordville, Ct. |
| 24 | Leslie E. Nichols | Monson | Shirley O. Merceri | Monson |
| April | | | | |
| 26 | Frank S. Butterfield | Quincy | Eleanor Corey | Quincy |
| May | | | | |
| 7 | Stanley F. Baker | Wales | Pauline A. Moon | Palmer |
| 19 | Robert Segrin | Springfield | Joyce Ackerman | Brimfield |
| June | | | | |
| 2 | Ralph M. Bradshaw | Middlefield | Susan B. Hewinson | Springfield |
| 5 | Wilson Burgess | Brimfield | Margaret Allenwood | Brimfield |
| 23 | Arthur G. Parker, Jr. | W. Brookfield | Janice E. Whitney | Warren |
| July | | | | |
| 8 | Edmund S. Jez | Chicopee Falls | Patricia Ann Phifer | Brimfield |
| 21 | Albert W. Brown | Brimfield | Shirley M. Hichborn | Brimfield |
| August | | | | |
| 25 | Lester E. Masker | Stafford Springs, Ct. | Frances A. Poulin | Stafford Springs, Ct. |
| 25 | Arthur A. Davis | Brimfield | Grace B. Walsh | Springfield |
| September | | | | |
| 1 | Walter L. Koslowski | Brimfield | Linda Calcagni | Southbridge |
| 1 | Donald R. Lyon | Brimfield | Priscilla M. Brown | Brimfield |
| 1 | Richard H. Stanton | Brimfield | Lorraine R. Blake | Springfield |
| 2 | Donat J. Delisle | Hartford, Ct. | Lara E. Chase | Brimfield |
| 3 | Raymond R. Roberts | Brimfield | Ruth E. Furey | Palmer |

| Date | Groom | Residence | Bride | Residence |
|----------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| October | | | | |
| 13 | Bernard J. Moran | Brimfield | Margaret E. Farr | Southbridge |
| 20 | Albert J. Belanger | Brimfield | Hattie Lavallee | Brimfield |
| 20 | Frederick J. Choiniere | Ludlow | Carol J. Canning | Holland |
| 27 | Charles A. Taylor | Wales | Lorraine M. Miner | Brimfield |
| November | | | | |
| 17 | Theodore Skowyra | Brimfield | Mary M. Carter | Palmer |
| December | | | | |
| 1 | Lionel A. Lavallee | Brimfield | Lauriana D. Lalli | Springfield |
| 19 | Edward R. Larivee | Springfield | Margaret M. Moughan | Lynnfield |
| 22 | Nathan E. Russell | Beacon Falls, Conn. | Helen Groccia | Sturbridge |
| 30 | Henry E. Bursaw, Jr. | South Acton, Mass. | Marion L. (Von Ecker) Carliell | Palmer, Mass. |

DEATHS RECORDED

| Date | Name | Years | Months | Days |
|----------|--------------------------|-------|--------|------|
| February | | | | |
| 8 | Jefferson Davis Hamer | 88 | 8 | 20 |
| 17 | Emery St. Clair | 84 | — | — |
| 21 | Julia (Young) LaHaie | 74 | — | — |
| March | | | | |
| 9 | Lizzie A. (Peebles) Root | 86 | 11 | 20 |
| 14 | Andrew Albert Nichols | 69 | 11 | 8 |
| 15 | Elsie Voereck Davis | 60 | 9 | 6 |
| 31 | Howard Russell Brown | 42 | 5 | 5 |

| Date | Name | Years | Months | Days |
|----------|-----------------------------------|-------|--------|------|
| April | | | | |
| 24 | Homer Charles Coolbroth | 58 | 4 | 20 |
| May | | | | |
| 14 | John J. Place | 78 | 6 | 28 |
| June | | | | |
| 1 | Albert Edward Lumb | 93 | 2 | 14 |
| July | | | | |
| 11 | Cora Louise (Howard) Campbell | 75 | 11 | 12 |
| 19 | Thomas E. Killian | 80 | 1 | 6 |
| August | | | | |
| 5 | Alma M. Davenport | 69 | 4 | 28 |
| October | | | | |
| 9 | Lynn Eisman | — | 7 | — |
| 24 | Cynthia Ellen Fresh | — | 7 | 5 |
| 31 | Harry L. Smith | 58 | — | — |
| November | | | | |
| 3 | James Arthur Garfield Hoyt | 71 | 1 | 26 |
| 17 | Barbara Marguerite Hichborn Brown | 2 | — | 2 |

BURIALS FROM OTHER PLACES

| Date of Death | Name | Place of Death | Age | | |
|---------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----|---|----|
| Jan. 23 | Ida Agard Furness, | Chilmark | 80 | 8 | — |
| Feb. 24 | Frederick King Bowden, | Stafford, Conn. | 81 | — | — |
| Apr. 28 | Robert J. Streeter, | Cleveland, Ohio | 60 | 4 | 25 |
| May 8 | Robert Bruce Robie, | Westwood | — | — | — |
| Sept. 18 | George A. Blashfield, | Millbury | 78 | 1 | 22 |
| Oct. 21 | George C. Plimpton, | Cold Springs, N. Y. | 82 | 8 | 11 |
| Oct. 30 | Bessie Brown Laird, | Palmer | 82 | — | 29 |

Respectfully submitted,

MABEL B. PEIRCE

Treasurer's Report

| | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1951 | \$62,269.16 | |
| Receipts during year | 195,299.06 | |
| | <hr/> | \$257,568.22 |
| Paid on treasury warrants | \$214,626.31 | |
| Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1951 | 42,941.91 | |
| | <hr/> | \$257,568.22 |

EUGENIA P. TARBELL,

Town Treasurer.

Report of the Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

General Revenue—Taxes

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Current year | \$53,479.37 |
| Previous years | 5,967.97 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax | 10,668.43 |
| Classified Forest Land Tax 1951 | 1,204.13 |
| Classified Forest Land Tax 1950 | 207.38 |
| Reimb. Loss of Taxes (State) | 1,418.37 |
| Meals Tax | 255.65 |
| Income Tax | 17,540.94 |
| Corporation Tax | 4,469.12 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$95,211.36 |

Grants and Gifts from State

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Vocational Education | \$24.85 |
| Union Superintendent | 933.33 |
| Dept. of Agriculture | 21.15 |
| Veterans' Services | 205.50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,184.83 |
| From County, Dog Fund | 458.16 |
| Licenses: | |
| Liquor | 1,550.00 |
| Other | 83.50 |
| Federal Grants: | |
| Old Age Assistance | 7,973.19 |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 1,243.26 |

Highways

| | |
|----------------|-------------|
| From State | \$18,135.29 |
| From County | 1,999.88 |
| Town Machinery | 8,792.03 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$28,927.20 |

Charities

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Welfare relief from individuals | \$471.79 |
| Old Age Asst. from State | 5,713.85 |
| Old Age Asst. from Individuals | 93.15 |
| Old Age Asst. from other towns | 188.71 |
| Aid to Dep. Children from State | 1,198.88 |
| Welfare relief from State | 1,245.32 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$8,911.70 |

Schools

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Tuition, town of Wales | \$1,460.88 |
| H.F.A. Instruction Fund | 2,000.00 |
| Transp. & Tuition from State | 13,439.10 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$16,899.98 |
| School Lunch Program | 5,685.25 |

Miscellaneous

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Rent of Town Hall | \$447.00 |
| Court Fines | 132.50 |
| Library Fines | 11.20 |
| Reimb. digging graves | 172.00 |
| Reimb. for foundations | 20.00 |
| Sealer's fees | 27.55 |
| County, reimb. dog officer | 42.50 |
| Sale old truck and scrap | 100.00 |

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Demands on poll taxes | 11.55 | |
| Compensation insurance added to fund | 614.86 | |
| Comp. Insurance premium adjustment | 5.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,584.16 |

Interest

| | | |
|------------------------------|----------|------------|
| On taxes | \$148.44 | |
| Perpetual Care Funds | 546.23 | |
| Library Trust Funds | 148.49 | |
| Post-war rehabilitation fund | 203.88 | |
| Harriet Harding fund | 200.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,247.04 |

Municipal Indebtedness

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Highway reimbursement loan | \$17,325.00 |
|----------------------------|-------------|

Agency and Trust

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Dog Licenses for County | \$565.40 | |
| Withholding tax for Federal Gov't | 6,220.79 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$6,786.19 |

Refunds:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------------|
| Overpayments | \$93.07 | |
| Collector's bond | 49.67 | |
| O. A. Adm. | 3.00 | |
| Telephone charges | 15.55 | |
| Div. E. S. Farmers Exchange | 1.03 | |
| Tree Warden | 62.50 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$224.82 |
| Cash on hand beginning of year | | \$62,269.16 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$257,568.22 |

PAYMENTS

General Government

Selectmen

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Salaries, selectmen | \$841.66 |
| Moderator | 11.00 |
| Printing, postage, etc. | 23.50 |
| Association dues | 13.00 |
| Dog Officer | 34.99 |
| Filing fees | 20.00 |
| Telephone | 67.55 |
| Other | 35.00 |

 \$1,046.70

| | |
|---------|--------|
| Balance | 153.30 |
|---------|--------|

| | |
|---------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$1,200.00 |
|---------------|------------|

Town Accountant

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Salary | \$540.00 |
| Printing, postage, etc. | 15.91 |
| Other | 38.04 |

 \$593.95

| | |
|---------|------|
| Balance | 6.05 |
|---------|------|

 \$600.00

Treasurer

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Salary | \$500.00 |
| Clerical assistance | 50.00 |
| Printing, postage, etc. | 132.63 |
| Surety bond | 48.91 |
| Insurance | 35.00 |

| | |
|----------------|-------|
| Travel expense | 24.00 |
| Other | 10.00 |

\$800.54

| | |
|---------|------|
| Balance | 4.46 |
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\$805.00

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|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$775.00 |
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|-------------------|-------|
| From reserve fund | 30.00 |
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\$805.00

Tax Collector

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| Salary | \$504.17 |
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|-------------|--------|
| Surety bond | 145.25 |
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| Printing, postage, etc. | 194.71 |
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| Other | 16.78 |
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\$860.91

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| Balance | 93.11 |
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\$954.02

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| Appropriation | \$900.00 |
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| Refund bond premium | 49.67 |
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| Refund demand | .35 |
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| Refund tax overpayment | 4.00 |
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\$954.02

Assessors

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|----------|----------|
| Salaries | \$600.00 |
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| Clerical assistance | 220.00 |
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| Printing, postage, etc. | 16.52 |
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| Travel expense | 79.25 |
| Other | 34.52 |
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| | \$950.29 |
| Balance | 49.71 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$1,000.00 |

Town Clerk

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Salary | \$200.00 |
| Recording fees | 60.00 |
| Printing, postage, etc. | 22.14 |
| Surety bond | 7.50 |
| Other | 29.99 |
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| | \$319.63 |
| Balance | 55.37 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$375.00 |

Election and Registration

| | |
|-------------------|----------|
| Registrars | \$9.60 |
| Election Officers | 76.80 |
| Printing | 89.46 |
| Street lists | 86.00 |
| Other | 12.62 |
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| | \$271.48 |
| Balance | 78.52 |
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| Appropriation | \$350.00 |

Certifying Notes

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|---------------|---------|
| Certification | \$2.00 |
| Balance | 8.00 |
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| | \$10.00 |

Town Counsel

| | |
|----------|---------|
| Services | \$25.00 |
| Balance | 75.00 |

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|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$100.00 |
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Town Hall

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|--------------------|----------|
| Janitor's salary | \$540.00 |
| Fuel | 474.64 |
| Light | 97.08 |
| Janitor's supplies | 105.27 |
| Repairs | 19.68 |
| Septic tank | 100.00 |
| Other | 60.56 |

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|---------|------------|
| | \$1,397.23 |
| Balance | 2.77 |

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| | \$1,400.00 |
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|-------------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$1,300.00 |
| From reserve fund | 100.00 |

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| | \$1,4000.00 |
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|--------------------------|------------|
| Total General Government | \$6,267.73 |
|--------------------------|------------|

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Constables' services | \$136.45 |
| Flasher current | 13.44 |

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| | \$149.89 |
| Balance | 50.11 |

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| | \$200.00 |
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| Appropriation | \$150.00 |
| Reserve fund | 50.00 |

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| | \$200.00 |
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Fire Department

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Salary, Chief | \$50.00 |
| Fire pay rolls | 451.00 |
| Cleaning water holes | 24.00 |
| Fire permits | 42.50 |
| Insurance | 368.45 |
| Rent, repairs, etc. | 492.85 |
| Equipment and supplies | 1,392.58 |
| Telephone | 128.55 |
| Printing | 9.00 |

\$2,958.93

Balance 41.07

Appropriation \$3,000.00

Moth Suppression

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| Labor | \$261.88 |
| Transportation | 28.00 |

\$289.88

Balance 10.12

Appropriation \$300.00

Tree Warden

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|-----------------------------|---------|
| Salary | \$25.00 |
| Labor, cutting and trimming | 267.75 |

\$292.75

Balance 57.25

\$350.00

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|-------------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$250.00 |
| From reserve fund | \$100.00 |

\$350.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

| | | |
|--|---------|------------|
| Salary, Sealer | \$50.00 | |
| Transportation | 15.00 | |
| Equipment and supplies | 9.80 | |
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| | \$74.80 | |
| Balance | .20 | |
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| Appropriation | \$75.00 | |
| Total Protection of Persons and Property | | \$3,766.25 |

Health

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------|--|
| Inspection of Animals | \$50.00 | |
| Care of town dump | 218.75 | |
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| | \$268.75 | |
| Balance | 81.25 | |
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| Appropriation | \$350.00 | |

HIGHWAYS

Chapter 81

| | | |
|--------------------|-------------|--|
| Labor | \$7,481.99 | |
| Machinery | 6,597.63 | |
| Materials | 5,467.60 | |
| Insurance | 297.78 | |
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| | \$19,845.00 | |
| Town appropriation | \$2,520.00 | |
| State allotment | 17,325.00 | |
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| | \$19,845.00 | |

Chapter 90 Construction

| | |
|-----------|------------|
| Labor | \$1,227.38 |
| Machinery | 2,040.69 |

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| Materials | 3,575.06 |
| Insurance | 47.91 |
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| | \$6,891.04 |
| Balance carried to 1952 | 1,108.96 |
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\$8,000.00

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|--------------------|------------|
| Town Appropriation | \$2,000.00 |
| State allotment | 4,000.00 |
| County allotment | 2,000.00 |
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\$8,000.00

Chapter 90 Maintenance

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|-----------|----------|
| Labor | \$511.35 |
| Machinery | 670.63 |
| Materials | 1,497.35 |
| Insurance | 20.65 |
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\$2,699.98

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|--------------------|-------|
| Unexpended balance | .02 |
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\$2,700.00

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| Town appropriation | \$900.00 |
| State allotment | 900.00 |
| County allotment | 900.00 |
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\$2,700.00

General Highway

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|-----------|------------|
| Labor | \$2,095.04 |
| Machinery | 2,045.05 |
| Materials | 794.02 |

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| Insurance | 55.03 |
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| | \$4,989.14 |
| Balance | 10.86 |

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| Appropriation | \$5,000.00 |

Street Lighting

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|---------------------------|------------|
| Worc. County Electric Co. | \$1,053.46 |
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| Balance | .54 |
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| Appropriation | \$1,054.00 |

Machinery Account

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|-------|-----------|
| Labor | \$ 184.70 |
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| Insurance | 337.69 |
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|-----------|----------|
| Gas & Oil | 1,563.99 |
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|----------------------------|----------|
| Supplies, repairs and rent | 3,496.75 |
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| Telephone | 88.30 |
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| Truck | 2,663.00 |
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| Overdraft, 1950 | 651.57 |
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| | \$8,986.00 |

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| Balance to 1952 | 368.44 |
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| | \$9,354.44 |

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| Appropriation from fund | \$9,351.22 |
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| Refund, overpayment | 3.22 | \$9,354.44 |
|---------------------|------|------------|

Traffic Safety Islands

| | |
|---------|-----------|
| Curbing | \$ 394.02 |
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|----------|-------|
| Supplies | 59.24 |
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| Loam, gravel, etc. | 144.00 |
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| Labor and machinery | 442.10 |
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| | \$1,039.36 |

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| Balance to 1952 | 460.64 | |
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| Appropriation | \$1,500.00 | |
| Total Highways | | \$44,852.41 |

CHARITY

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Salaries, Welfare Board | \$150.00 |
| Medicine and medical care | 114.32 |
| Groceries and fuel | 240.42 |
| Board and care | 770.35 |
| Relief by other towns | 638.77 |

\$1,913.86

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|---------|-------|
| Balance | 86.14 |
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| Appropriation | \$2,000.00 |
|---------------|------------|

Old Age Assistance

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Federal grants, 1951 | \$ 7,761.82 |
| Town appropriation | 10,000.00 |
| Recovery | 93.15 |
| Balance from 1950 grants | 418.70 |

\$18,273.67

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|----------------|-------------|
| Cash grants | \$15,791.49 |
| By other towns | 323.34 |

\$16,114.83

\$2,158.84

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| Balance in town appropriation | \$ 282.44 |
| Balance in Federal grants | 1,876.40 |

\$2,158.84

Aid to Dependent Children

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|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 1950 balance in Federal funds | \$ 358.85 | |
| Federal grants 1951 | 1,217.67 | |
| Town appropriation | 2,500.00 | |
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| | | \$4,076.52 |
| Cash grants | \$3,876.30 | |
| Balance in Federal funds | 172.22 | |
| Balance in town appropriation | 28.00 | |
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| | | \$4,076.52 |

Old Age Assistance, Administration

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|------------|
| 1950 Balance in Federal funds | \$73.32 | |
| 1951 Federal grants | 214.37 | |
| Town appropriation | 800.00 | |
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| | | \$1,087.69 |
| Salaries and services | \$916.30 | |
| Balance in Federal funds | 68.27 | |
| Balance in town appropriation | 103.12 | |
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| | | \$1,087.69 |

Aid to Dependent Children, Administration

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
| 1950 balance in Federal grants | \$19.57 | |
| 1951 Federal grants | 25.59 | |
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| Balance carried to 1952 | | \$45.16 |

Military Service Assessment

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Raised by Assessors | \$531.50 |
| Expended | 531.50 |

Veterans' Benefits

| | |
|-------------------|----------|
| Cash grants | \$333.00 |
| Aid by other town | 180.00 |
| Hospital care | 137.41 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$650.41 |
| Balance | 149.59 |
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| Appropriation | \$800.00 |

SCHOOLS

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| General Administration | \$ 2,766.85 |
| Teachers' Salaries | 33,199.75 |
| Text books and supplies | 2,664.73 |
| Janitor service | 3,055.56 |
| Fuel and Light | 2,998.38 |
| Repairs | 1,611.10 |
| Health | 300.00 |
| Transportation | 14,394.00 |
| Janitor's supplies | 533.06 |
| New equipment | 1,396.60 |
| Compensation insurance | 166.00 |
| All other | 77.32 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$63,163.35 |
| Balance | 327.15 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$63,490.50 |
| Appropriation | \$63,404.00 |
| Refund, overpayment | 86.50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$63,490.50 |

Trade School Tuition and Transportation

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Tuition paid Springfield | \$597.48 |
| Tuition paid Southbridge | 184.00 |
| Transportation | 250.00 |

 \$1,031.48

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| Balance | 68.52 |
|---------|-------|

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| Appropriation | \$1,100.00 |
|---------------|------------|

Schoolhouse Addition

| | |
|------------------|-----------|
| Architect's fee | \$ 300.00 |
| a/c of contracts | 33,202.32 |
| Equipment | 1,263.54 |
| Insurance | 42.30 |
| Pump and tank | 265.12 |
| Work on grounds | 748.75 |
| Miscellaneous | 33.45 |

 \$35,855.48

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| Balance carried to 1952 | 12,272.35 |
|-------------------------|-----------|

 \$48,127.83

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|--------------|-------------|
| 1950 balance | \$47,923.95 |
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| Appropriated | 203.88 |
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 \$48,127.83

School Lunch Program

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| Receipts from lunches | \$5,434.25 |
| From state | 251.00 |
| Town appropriation | 800.00 |

 \$6,485.25

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|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| Labor | \$2,247.40 | |
| Materials and supplies | 3,952.80 | |
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| | \$6,200.20 | |
| Balance carried to 1952 | 285.05 | |
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| | | \$6,485.25 |

Library

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|--|
| Salary, Librarian | \$600.00 | |
| Assistant at East Brimfield | 26.00 | |
| Janitor | 180.00 | |
| Books | 199.42 | |
| Periodicals | 48.95 | |
| Fuel | 297.41 | |
| Light | 51.28 | |
| Janitor's supplies | 32.43 | |
| Repairs | 20.16 | |
| Postage, supplies, etc. | 13.80 | |
| Furniture | 31.11 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$1,500.56 | |
| Balance | 6.09 | |

\$1,506.65

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|--------------------|----------|--|
| Town appropriation | \$900.00 | |
| Dog Fund | 458.16 | |
| Income from funds | 148.49 | |

\$1,506.65

Common

| | | |
|--------------------|----------|----------|
| Labor and Supplies | \$149.45 | |
| Balance | .55 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$150.00 |

Memorial Day

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|---------------|----------|
| Music | \$27.26 |
| Plants | 61.95 |
| Flags | 31.19 |
| Other | 4.60 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$125.00 |

Property Insurance

| | |
|---------------|------------|
| Premiums Paid | \$1,433.88 |
| Balance | 166.12 |
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| Appropriation | \$1,600.00 |

Compensation Insurance

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Premium paid | \$530.18 |
| Appropriation | 530.18 |

Aid to Agriculture

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|---------------|---------|
| Appropriation | \$50.00 |
| Expended | 50.00 |

Retirement Fund

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$196.95 |
| Expended | 196.95 |

Water Pipe, Wales Road

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Labor and machinery | \$579.50 |
| Pipe | 1,594.73 |
| Other | 19.82 |
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| | \$2,194.05 |
| Balance to 1952 | 4,305.95 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$6,500.00 |

Town Reports

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Printing | \$378.00 |
| Postage | 12.72 |
| Typing and mailing | 20.00 |

 \$410.72

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| Balance | 4.28 |
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|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$415.00 |
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Interest

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|----------------------|----------|
| On Highway loan | \$117.42 |
| On Tractor loan | 29.78 |
| On Schoolhouse bonds | 1,192.50 |

 \$1,339.70

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|---------|-------|
| Balance | 18.30 |
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 \$1,358.00

Cemetery

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|-----------|----------|
| Labor | \$559.95 |
| Tarvia | 83.99 |
| Insurance | 11.00 |
| Other | 101.01 |

 \$755.95

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| Balance | 19.05 |
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 \$775.00

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|-------------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$750.00 |
| From reserve fund | 25.00 |

 \$775.00

Indebtedness

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|------------------|------------|
| Schoolhouse Bond | \$8,500.00 |
| Tractor loan | \$1,000.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$9,500.00 |

Agency and Trust

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| State Tax | 629.89 |
| County Tax | 2,342.25 |
| Dog Licenses for County | 565.40 |
| Perpetual Care Funds | 546.23 |
| Withholding Tax | 6,220.79 |
| County Hospital Assessment | 116.98 |
| Harding Fund | 200.00 |

\$10,621.54

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|---------------------------|--------|
| Refunds: M. V. Excise Tax | 408.48 |
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\$214,626.31

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| Cash on hand end of year | 42,941.91 |
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\$257,568.22

FRANK S. GIFFORD,

Town Accountant

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1951

| Assets | | Liabilities | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1951 | \$42,941.91 | Overlay, levy of 1951 | \$ 768.27 |
| Taxes, levy of 1951 | 7,814.84 | Overlay, levy of 1950 | 28.75 |
| Taxes, levy of 1950 | 1,112.80 | Overlay Surplus | 5,029.27 |
| Classified Forest Land Tax 1951 | 265.73 | Revenue reserved until collected: | |
| Classified Forest Land Tax 1950 | 34.12 | Class. Forest | |
| Classified Forest Land Tax 1949 | 1.00 | Land Tax | \$ 300.85 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1951 | 1,838.04 | M. V. Excise Tax | 1,896.42 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1950 | 58.38 | Tax Title Revenue | 681.88 |
| Tax Titles | 146.27 | | |
| Tax Possessions | 535.61 | | 2,879.15 |
| Due from State a/c Highways | 9,145.61 | Road Machinery Fund | 2,964.88 |
| Due from County a/c Highways | 2,900.00 | Compensation Insurance Fund | 585.35 |
| Appropriation made after tax levy | 300.00 | Edgar Brown Playground Fund | 67.21 |
| | | Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund | 10.00 |
| | | Account Balances carried to 1952: | |
| | | Federal Grant O.A.A. \$1,944.67 | |
| | | Federal Grant A.D.C. 217.38 | |
| | | Schoolhouse Addition 12,272.35 | |
| | | School Lunch Program 285.05 | |
| | | School Building Com. 127.39 | |
| | | Regional School Com. 150.00 | |
| | | Civilian Defense 100.00 | |

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|----------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Water Pipe | 4,305.95 | |
| Traffic Islands | 460.64 | |
| Machinery Account | 368.44 | |
| Chapter 90 Constr. | 1,108.96 | 21,340.83 |
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| State tax over-estimate | | 13.54 |
| County tax over-estimate | | 188.57 |
| Highway reimbursement loan | | 17,325.00 |
| Surplus Revenue | | 15,893.49 |
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| | | \$67,094.31 |

\$67,094.31

TRUST FUNDS

Trust and Investment Funds:

Cash on deposit

\$36,655.41

Harriet Harding, Charity \$2,747.88
 Harriet Allen, School 728.25
 Cemetery Gate Fund 35.62
 Cemetery Wall Fund 423.22
 Pearsall Monument Fund 210.26
 Perpetual Care Funds 21,007.30

Library Funds:

Mary K. Hyde \$ 831.50
 U. J. Shaw 2,489.09
 E. C. Flynt 103.52
 Julia E. Coy 645.04
 A. G. Tarbell 200.00
 E. B. Robinson 411.41
 Fitz. Warren 1,000.00
 Emily Woods 500.00
 Chamb. - Smith 663.44
 Jas. Lincoln 4,658.58

11,502.58

\$36,655.41

\$36,655.11

OUTSTANDING DEBT

| | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Outstanding Dec. 31, 1951: | | |
| Old schoolhouse loan | \$10,000.00 | |
| New schoolhouse loan | 57,000.00 | |
| Tractor loan | 2,978.00 | |
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| | \$69,978.00 | |
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| | | \$69,978.00 |

Tax Collector's Report

1951

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|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Commitments as per warrants | \$54,683.50 |
| Cash to treasurer | \$54,683.50 |
| Abatements | 1,040.34 |
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| | 55,723.84 |
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| Outstanding Dec. 31, 1951 | \$8,080.57 |

1950

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|----------------------------------|------------|
| Outstanding Jan. 1, 1951 | \$7,477.27 |
| Overpayment to treasurer | 4.00 |
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| | \$7,481.27 |
| Cash to treasurer | \$3,041.95 |
| Abatements | 6.60 |
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| | \$3,048.55 |
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| Re-committed to Harriet T. Brown | \$4,432.72 |

1949

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|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Outstanding Jan. 1, 1951 | \$4.00 |
| Cash to treasurer | 4.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1951 | |
| Commitments as per warrants | \$10,681.98 |
| Abatements, refunded | 209.15 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$10,891.13 |

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| Cash to treasurer | \$8,843.94 | |
| Abatements | 209.15 | |
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| | | 9,053.09 |
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| Outstanding Dec. 31, 1951 | | \$1,838.04 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1950 | | |
| Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1951 | | \$1,857.35 |
| Commitment Jan. 17 | | 25.52 |
| Abatement, refunded | | 169.34 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2,052.21 |
| Cash to treasurer | \$1,551.76 | |
| Abatements | 169.34 | |
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| | | \$1,721.10 |
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| Re-committed to Harriet T. Brown | | \$331.11 |
| Re-committed taxes, Levy of 1950 | | |
| Re-committed June 25, 1951 | | \$4,433.72 |
| Cash to treasurer | \$3,129.40 | |
| Abatements | 156.40 | |
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| | | \$3,285.80 |
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| Outstanding Dec. 31, 1951 | | \$1,147.92 |
| Classified Forest Land Tax, 1949 | | |
| Re-committed June 25, 1951 | | \$1.00 |
| Outstanding Dec. 31, 1951 | | \$1.00 |

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1950

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Re-committed June 25, 1951 | | \$331.11 |
| Abatements, refunded | | 29.99 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$361.10 |
| Cash to treasurer | \$272.73 | |
| Abatements | 29.99 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | 302.72 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1951 | | \$58.38 |

HARRIET T. BROWN

Collector of Taxes

Memorial Day Committee

The Memorial Day Committee gratefully acknowledges the assistance of the American Legion Auxiliary, the teachers and the pupils of the schools.

Special thanks are extended to the "Woodbine" for ice cream donated and furnished the pupils.

GEORGE HITCHCOCK

PERCY MOORE

RAYMOND LEMMELIN

EVERETT LANDEN

MARGARET GILMAN

GLADYS WEBBER

Cemetery Commissioners' Report

To the Citizens of Brimfield:

The maintenance operations in the Cemetery during 1951 were carried out successfully, but with some hindrance. The old truck became completely worn out, necessitating the use of wheelbarrows or hired equipment whenever materials were to be moved. Some provisions must be made soon to replace this unit.

During the year, seventeen graves were opened, eleven of these were residence burials and six non-resident. The sum of \$192.00 was paid to the Treasurer to cover these non-residence openings and other charges, mainly for installing monument foundations.

This year, the large power mower must be overhauled at a cost of approximately \$50.00. The canvas, which has been in use for thirty years, must be replaced and will cost about \$40.00

With these items of expense considered, an appropriation of \$750.00 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

CHENEY F. NEWTON
GEORGE E. HITCHCOCK
EVERETT D. LANDEN
Commissioners

February 1, 1952

AMOUNTS EXPENDED FOR GENERAL CARE OF CEMETERY

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| George E Hitchcock | \$209.73 |
| Donald Martin | 4.10 |
| Clarence Sherman | 5.00 |
| Charles Hitchcock | 4.40 |
| Percy Moore | 1.50 |
| Arthur Dionne | 74.26 |
| Clark Hayward | 10.00 |
| Nap. Pelletier | 1.65 |
| Cedric Burnham | 53.10 |
| Kenneth Brown | 40.25 |
| Gordon Brown | 18.45 |
| Arthur Moreau | 95.43 |
| Louis Martin | 25.03 |
| Richard Lawrence | 9.40 |
| R. Dionne | 1.65 |
| J. Fred. Lawrence | 6.00 |
| Haley's Grain Store | 4.47 |
| Faulkner Hardware Co. | 2.15 |
| Brimfield Garage | 23.60 |
| Town of Brimfield | 5.60 |
| E. W. Fisher | 7.22 |
| Place's Service Station | 1.00 |
| Weidenmiller-Magovern Co. | 47.97 |
| The Barrett Division | 83.99 |
| Harold Hitchcock | 9.00 |
| Compensation insurance | 11.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$755.95 |

AMOUNTS EXPENDED FROM PERPETUAL
CARE FUNDS

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| George E. Hitchcock | \$181.25 |
| Arthur Dionne | 95.06 |
| R. Dionne | 3.59 |
| Cedric Burnham | 11.00 |
| Arthur Moreau | 79.75 |
| Gordon Brown | 29.33 |
| Louis Martin | 33.32 |
| Kenneth Brown | 74.25 |
| Brimfield Garage | 2.25 |
| Harold Hitchcock | 35.00 |
| Place's Service Station | 1.43 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$546.23 |

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

| | Amount of Fund | Balance Dec. 31, 1951 |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Henry Adams | \$50.00 | \$55.25 |
| Jennie Agard | 500.00 | 599.36 |
| Stephen Agard | 100.00 | 120.42 |
| Sullivan Alexander | 100.00 | 122.46 |
| Chas. S. Allen | 100.00 | 106.27 |
| George Allen | 100.00 | 187.71 |
| Elijah Allen | 100.00 | 110.81 |
| George Bacon | 100.00 | 138.50 |
| Massena B. Allen | 100.00 | 108.34 |
| Calvin Baker | 100.00 | 111.02 |
| Jonathan Bixby | 100.00 | 105.81 |
| Francis Bliss | 200.00 | 270.55 |
| Louis Blodgett | 100.00 | 106.08 |
| F. H. Boardman | 100.00 | 104.80 |
| Sanford Booth | 100.00 | 109.19 |
| Asheal Bennett | 500.00 | 583.19 |
| Herbert Bradway | 100.00 | 111.80 |
| Chas. O. Brown | 100.00 | 116.35 |
| Harriet Brown | 100.00 | 145.32 |
| Albert R. Brown | 200.00 | 217.08 |
| F. Edgar Brown | 165.34 | 179.67 |
| Harrison H. Brown | 100.00 | 108.42 |
| W. Johnson Brown | 100.00 | 109.39 |
| Arthur Brown | 100.00 | 119.25 |
| Dauphin Brown | 100.00 | 107.56 |
| Jonathan Brown | 100.00 | 131.61 |
| J. R. Brown | 100.00 | 107.51 |
| Harold Butterfield | 100.00 | 104.83 |

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|-----------------------------|---------|----------|
| James Buxton | 100.00 | 141.27 |
| Darius & Abraham Charles | 300.00 | 327.35 |
| Frederic A. Charles | 200.00 | 231.81 |
| John Charles | 50.00 | 53.93 |
| Jonathan Charles | 50.00 | 53.93 |
| Aaron Charles | 50.00 | 53.93 |
| Abraham & Nathaniel Charles | 50.00 | 53.93 |
| Thomas & Thena Charles | 50.00 | 53.93 |
| Harriet Chamberlain | 200.00 | 225.47 |
| Chamberlain & Dyer | 200.00 | 222.78 |
| Charles & Bacon | 100.00 | 106.13 |
| Alfred Converse | 100.00 | 106.95 |
| Marcus Converse | 100.00 | 114.35 |
| Frank H. Cook | 100.00 | 120.93 |
| Miner Corbin | 100.00 | 109.65 |
| J. Ellen Coy | 100.00 | 144.37 |
| Seth Dunham | 100.00 | 127.59 |
| Chas. S. Davis | 100.00 | 109.54 |
| Annie Emmons | 1,00.00 | 1,104.50 |
| Anna T. Emmons | 100.00 | 108.50 |
| Levi Fairbanks | 100.00 | 129.73 |
| Fred M. Fenton | 200.00 | 216.06 |
| Ferry & Robinson | 100.00 | 132.24 |
| Ferry & Dix | 50.00 | 53.86 |
| John Foster | 100.00 | 159.53 |
| Etta Fiske | 100.00 | 132.30 |
| M. W. French | 200.00 | 243.93 |
| Geo. A. Furness | 75.00 | 80.87 |
| Nathan Goodell | 52.00 | 55.60 |
| Mary L. Gould | 300.00 | 321.37 |
| Wm. H. Green | 200.00 | 218.67 |
| Lyman Griggs | 100.00 | 110.02 |
| Troylis G. Grimes | 100.00 | 106.34 |
| Thomas Harwood | 100.00 | 105.35 |
| Alfred Hitchcock | 100.00 | 128.93 |
| David Hitchcock | 100.00 | 124.21 |
| Edward Hitchcock | 75.00 | 80.09 |

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|---------------------|--------|--------|
| Frank G. Hitchcock | 100.00 | 103.65 |
| Orson Holdridge | 50.00 | 55.42 |
| Linus Homer | 100.00 | 174.62 |
| George Homer | 50.00 | 53.09 |
| Newton Hubbard | 100.00 | 115.72 |
| Mary K. Hyde | 200.00 | 295.11 |
| Albion Janes | 100.00 | 128.12 |
| Edwin Janes | 100.00 | 126.39 |
| David W. Janes | 200.00 | 231.01 |
| H. E. & C. R. Janes | 100.00 | 108.11 |
| William Janes | 100.00 | 104.26 |
| William S. Janes | 100.00 | 104.26 |
| Austin Jennison | 50.00 | 55.06 |
| Orsamus Kenfield | 100.00 | 119.53 |
| Asa Lawrence | 50.00 | 55.21 |
| Nellie A. Lewis | 300.00 | 322.45 |
| James & Asa Lincoln | 500.00 | 602.77 |
| Frank A. Lombard | 100.00 | 106.90 |
| Charles E. Lombard | 100.00 | 126.10 |
| Charles O. Lombard | 100.00 | 120.55 |
| Elijah Lumbard | 100.00 | 167.40 |
| Lemuel Lumbard | 100.00 | 126.50 |
| Albert Lumb | 100.00 | 103.19 |
| Nathan Lyman | 75.00 | 80.40 |
| Joseph Marcy | 75.00 | 84.52 |
| Edward P. Marriott | 100.00 | 107.69 |
| Charles Merritt | 200.00 | 206.38 |
| Charles H. Moore | 100.00 | 109.88 |
| Jason Morse | 100.00 | 146.84 |
| Albigence Newell | 100.00 | 115.78 |
| Abner Nichols | 100.00 | 111.20 |
| Emily Noyes | 100.00 | 124.93 |
| John Noyes | 100.00 | 108.77 |
| Cheney Newton | 100.00 | 121.63 |
| Arthur Palmer | 100.00 | 109.41 |
| Fred & Orra Parker | 100.00 | 109.08 |
| Melissa Parker | 200.00 | 277.73 |

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|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Porter Parker | 200.00 | 257.86 |
| Sumner Parker | 100.00 | 109.12 |
| Etta Pierce | 100.00 | 160.41 |
| Pierce & Dunsmore | 200.00 | 225.64 |
| Albert Pierson | 100.00 | 108.42 |
| Norman Powers | 75.00 | 80.31 |
| George Puffer | 100.00 | 112.47 |
| Augusta Rice | 100.00 | 126.39 |
| F. H. Robertson | 75.00 | 79.18 |
| Ursula J. Shaw | 200.00 | 241.92 |
| Elijah T. Sherman | 200.00 | 220.96 |
| Bezeleal Sherman | 100.00 | 112.98 |
| John Sherman | 100.00 | 104.56 |
| Harold & Orida Smith | 100.00 | 103.86 |
| E. A. Stebbins | 100.00 | 107.00 |
| Joseph E. Stegner | 100.00 | 104.41 |
| Fannie Gates Smith | 50.00 | 52.91 |
| Rebecca Stoddard | 100.00 | 170.33 |
| Everts Tarbell | 200.00 | 242.37 |
| Constance Thompson | 100.00 | 103.65 |
| John Tunison | 100.00 | 115.45 |
| Joseph Vail | 100.00 | 119.33 |
| Charles C. Warren | 100.00 | 124.93 |
| Lily Warren | 200.00 | 246.99 |
| Fred M. Webber | 100.00 | 125.57 |
| Jane Webber | 100.00 | 106.83 |
| Jonathan Webber | 100.00 | 131.47 |
| Lilla & Chas. Webber | 100.00 | 110.25 |
| Mary Wheeler | 50.00 | 54.55 |
| Emily Wilkinson | 600.00 | 689.34 |
| Wight & Foskett | 100.00 | 117.35 |
| Lowell Wilcox | 100.00 | 108.28 |
| Thomas Williams | 200.00 | 231.33 |
| Joseph L. Woods | 100.00 | 104.60 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$17,842.34 | \$21,007.30 |

Highways

AMOUNTS EXPENDED UNDER CHAPTER 81

LABOR

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Harold E. Hitchcock | \$1,613.84 |
| F. C. Dickinson, Jr. | 1,024.72 |
| D. H. Wells, Jr. | 1,010.35 |
| Ralph Stanton | 935.68 |
| Cedric Burnham | 821.70 |
| E. C. Supernor | 118.80 |
| Charles Day | 353.10 |
| Robert Hayward | 119.90 |
| Charles Hitchcock | 161.15 |
| Lyman Stanton | 92.95 |
| Roy Hunter | 143.00 |
| Alonzo Carpenter | 621.60 |
| W. Kucnaveyzk | 33.35 |
| Richard Lawrence | 194.15 |
| H. B. Landen | 45.10 |
| Kenneth Brown | 130.35 |
| James Plimpton | 7.25 |
| George Hitchcock | 48.40 |
| Paul Therrien | 6.60 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$7,481.99 |

MACHINERY

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| Town of Sturbridge | 30.25 |
| Town of Warren | 184.15 |
| Charles Chaffee | 90.00 |
| Harold Hitchcock | 181.50 |

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|-----------------|------------|
| David Brown | 458.00 |
| Richard Stanton | 276.00 |
| Lyman Stanton | 5.00 |
| Charles Day | 64.50 |
| James Motte Co. | 180.00 |
| Town machinery | 5,128.23 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$6,597.63 |

MATERIALS

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| N. E. Metal Culvert Co. | 604.80 |
| Barrett Division | 3,905.55 |
| G. A. Authier | 17.55 |
| State Prison Colony | 325.00 |
| Frank W. Hance | 99.90 |
| J. R. Humpage | 65.80 |
| M. Piazza | 67.50 |
| David Brown | 11.25 |
| Roger Matthieu | 133.50 |
| Louis Gagliardi | 236.75 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$5,467.60 |
| Compensation insurance | 297.78 |

AMOUNTS EXPENDED UNDER CHAPTER 90
CONSTRUCTION

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Harold E. Hitchcock | \$205.16 |
| Richard Stanton | 166.22 |
| Frank Dickinson, Jr. | 145.20 |
| Daniel H. Wells, Jr. | 137.50 |
| Cedrick Burnham | 121.00 |
| Charles Hitchcock | 39.05 |
| Richard Lawrence | 43.45 |
| Charles Day | 85.80 |
| Kenneth Brown | 21.45 |
| Louis Brown | 12.65 |

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|---------------------------|------------|
| Charles Chaffee | 40.50 |
| James Plimpton | 43.50 |
| Eldon Chambers | 62.50 |
| Richard Tucker | 62.50 |
| Edgar Houghton | 13.20 |
| Walter Kucharczyk | 14.50 |
| Philip Guyon | 13.20 |
| N. E. Metal Culvert Co. | 2,368.59 |
| The Barrett Division | 729.30 |
| Valley Garage | 15.00 |
| Rice & Gadaire Lumber Co. | 32.20 |
| H. E. Fletcher Co. | 43.66 |
| Haley Grain Store | 6.90 |
| Southeastern Const. Co. | 142.41 |
| R. E. Ryan | 5.00 |
| Ceisla Bros. | 125.80 |
| Charles LaRose | 230.40 |
| Ware Foundry | 60.00 |
| Warren Cement Block Co. | 16.00 |
| Harold Hitchcock | 204.00 |
| Town of Sturbridge | 151.25 |
| Town of Warren | 109.45 |
| David Brown | 353.50 |
| Charles Day | 56.00 |
| Arthur Gilman | 133.50 |
| Louis Gagliardi | 22.50 |
| Compensation insurance | 47.91 |
| Town machinery | 810.29 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$6,891.04 |

AMOUNTS EXPENDED UNDER CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| Harold E. Hitchcock | \$75.40 |
| Frank Dickinson, Jr. | 33.75 |
| D. H. Wells, Jr. | 48.40 |
| Cedrick Burnham | 48.40 |

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|------------------------|----------|
| Richard Stanton | 29.70 |
| Kenneth Brown | 38.50 |
| Richard Lawrence | 38.50 |
| Charles Hitchcock | 38.50 |
| Harry Landen | 29.15 |
| Walter Kucharczyk | 34.80 |
| Alonzo Carpenter | 18.70 |
| George Hitchcock | 29.15 |
| George Trixie | 24.20 |
| Philip Dorn | 5.50 |
| Edgar Houghton | 18.70 |
| The Barrett Division | 1,445.00 |
| Town of Warren | 212.57 |
| David Brown | 138.00 |
| Louis Gagliardi | 52.35 |
| Compensation insurance | 20.65 |
| Town Machinery | 320.06 |

\$2,699.98

AMOUNTS EXPENDED FROM MACHINERY ACCOUNT

| | |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Harold Hitchcock | \$51.30 |
| Ralph Stanton | 35.75 |
| Frank Dickinson, Jr. | 25.85 |
| D. H. Wells, Jr. | 33.00 |
| G. C. Richards | 30.00 |
| Cedric Burnham | 8.80 |
| O. R. Cote Co. | 91.41 |
| Wm. D. Spooner | 337.69 |
| Bowker-Hamblin-Malmquist | 332.18 |
| Faulkner Hardware Co. | 1.31 |
| Valley Garage | 343.48 |
| Mair's Tire Sales | 183.31 |
| Holyoke Boiler Works | 477.99 |
| North End Body Co. | 61.60 |
| Brimfield Garage | 871.35 |

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|----------------------------|----------|
| Zabek Motor Sales | 3,190.57 |
| Jones Petroleum Products | 1,405.69 |
| Hatch's Village Store | 16.03 |
| Tyler Equipment Co. | 463.77 |
| N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. | 88.30 |
| Gulf Oil Corp. | 36.64 |
| Esso Standard Oil Co. | 13.96 |
| John the Jack Man | 13.00 |
| Griswold's Park Garage | 10.00 |
| Ferrara Spring & Parts Co. | 3.75 |
| Socony-Vacuum Oil Co. | 107.70 |
| Hitchcock Free Academy | 100.00 |

\$8,334.43

AMOUNTS EXPENDED FROM GENERAL HIGHWAY

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Harold E. Hitchcock | \$489.46 |
| Frank Dickinson, Jr. | 321.24 |
| Ralph Stanton | 304.24 |
| Daniel Wells, Jr. | 286.00 |
| Charles Day | 16.50 |
| Charles Hitchcock | 24.20 |
| Kenneth Brown | 13.20 |
| Cedric Burnham | 208.45 |
| Lyman Stanton | 26.40 |
| James Howlett | 16.50 |
| George Robbins | 40.70 |
| William Wheaton | 8.80 |
| Basil Dmuchovsky | 8.80 |
| Richard Stanton | 108.35 |
| Robert Hayward | 99.55 |
| Clark Hayward | 85.80 |
| Howard Brown | 36.85 |
| Palmer Register, Inc. | 3.75 |
| Springfield Wrecking Co. | 13.10 |

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|--------------------------------|------------|
| F. W. Hance | 36.88 |
| Dept. Public Works | 3.20 |
| Hatch's Village Store | 95.40 |
| Lewis E. Howlett | 22.76 |
| International Salt Co. | 394.12 |
| E. F. Edson Co. | 15.00 |
| Independent Fence & Iron Works | 19.26 |
| Hedge & Matthies Co. | 17.50 |
| David Brown | 22.50 |
| Harold Hitchcock | 84.25 |
| Louis Gagliardi | 37.50 |
| M. Piazza | 112.80 |
| Roger Matthieu | 15.00 |
| Haley's Grain Store | 10.95 |
| Town machinery | 1,935.10 |
| Compensation insurance | 55.03 |
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| | \$4,989.14 |

Report of The Board of Public Welfare and Bureau of Old Age Assistance

Aid has been granted according to budgetary standards to 27 Old Age Assistance cases; 3 Aid to Dependent Children cases and 7 General Relief cases.

The average number of cases aided monthly has been 20 O.A.A., 2 A.D.C. and 2 G.R. On O.A.A. the addition of new cases has been offset by deaths and voluntary withdrawals; therefor the number of cases remains about the same. Aid to Dependent Children cases have seen little change. Cases under General Relief, with the exception of one, have been for temporary aid only. The continuing G.R. case is State reimbursed.

Budgets were adjusted October 1st, with a cost of living increase of 5.9%.

November brought a new category of assistance to persons who are disabled. This new program is called "Disability Assistance" and will be administered under similar rules and regulations as set up for O.A.A. and A. D. C. and will be reimbursed 75% by State and Federal Funds.

We start 1952 with 20 O. A. A. cases; 2 A. D. C. cases aided locally and one O. A. A. and one general relief cases aided in another town.

The following new laws are now in effect:

A new minimum standard of \$55. monthly for persons living in a family group; \$75. monthly for persons living outside a family group.

An increase of \$500. per annum in the statutory exemptions for children of persons on Old Age Assistance.

A provision that the town shall have a lien against the property of any applicant or recipient of Old Age Assistance, for aid granted on and after January 1, 1952.

The town will now assume a proportionate share of the Leisure Time Activity Allowance formerly reimbursed in full by the State.

Respectfully submitted,

LLEWELLYN B. NORTON, Chairman

By J. FREDERICK LAWRENCE,

Welfare Worker.

Report of Assessors

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| Town appropriations raised by taxation | \$111,600.36 |
| Appropriated from available funds | 26,627.28 |
| Maturing debt | 9,500.00 |
| State parks | 184.82 |
| State audit | 490.71 |
| County Tax | 2,590.78 |
| Tuberculosis hospital assessment | 56.26 |
| Overlay | 1,808.61 |
| Vet's service dist. assessment | 531.50 |
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| | \$153,390.32 |
| Available funds & estimated receipts | 91,058.52 |
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| | \$62,331.80 |
| 389 polls @ \$2.00 | 778.00 |
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| Tax assessed on property | \$61,553.80 |
| Valuation of personal property | \$190,780.00 |
| Valuation of real estate | 928,380.00 |
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| Total valuation | \$1,119,160.00 |
| Tax rate \$55.00 per \$1,000.00 | |
| Tax assessed on motor vehicles | \$10,681.98 |

EDWARD J. KILLIAN

JOHN M. HALEY

JOHN P. MOORE

Board of Assessors

BUDGET FOR 1952

| | Expended 1951 | Requested for 1952 | Finance Com. Recommendation |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Selectmen | \$1,046.70 | \$1,210.00 | \$1,210.00 |
| Accountant | 593.95 | 650.00 | 650.00 |
| Treasurer | 800.54 | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| Collector | 860.91 | 900.00 | 900.00 |
| Assessors | 950.29 | 1,030.00 | 1,030.00 |
| Certifying Notes | 2.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Town Clerk | 319.63 | 375.00 | 400.00 |
| Election & Registration | 271.48 | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| Town Counsel | 25.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Town Hall | 1,397.23 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Police | 149.89 | 200.00 | 150.00 |
| Fire Department | 2,958.93 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Sealer | 74.80 | 75.00 | 75.00 |
| Moth Suppression | 289.88 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Tree Warden | 292.75 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Reserve Fund | | 750.00 | 750.00 |
| Health | 268.75 | 350.00 | 350.00 |

| | Expended 1951 | Requested for 1952 | Finance Com. Recommendation |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Highways, Chapter 81 | 2,520.00 | 2,520.00 | 2,520.00 |
| Chapter 90 Const. | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Chapter 90 Maint. | 900.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 |
| General Highway | 4,989.14 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Street Lighting | 1,053.46 | 1,050.00 | 1,150.00 |
| Charity | 1,913.86 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 16,114.83 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Old Age Assistance, Admin. | 916.30 | 950.00 | 950.00 |
| Disability Assistance | | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 3,876.30 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Veterans' Benefits | 650.41 | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| Schools | 63,163.35 | 69,029.00 | 69,029.00 |
| Trade School Tuition & Transp. | 1,031.48 | 1,100.00 | 1,100.00 |
| Library | 900.00 | 1,000.00 | 900.00 |
| Common | 149.45 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Memorial Day | 125.00 | 125.00 | 125.00 |
| Insurance, town property | 1,433.88 | 575.00 | 575.00 |
| Town Reports | 410.72 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Cemetery | 755.95 | 650.00 | 750.00 |
| Interest | 1,339.70 | 1,300.00 | 1,300.00 |
| | <u>\$114,546.56</u> | <u>\$114,649.00</u> | <u>\$115,024.00</u> |

Report of the Finance Committee

At the first regular meeting of the finance committee, held on May 7, 1951, the following officers were elected: Leo Lavigne, chairman; Noah D. Fountain, vice-chairman; Joseph Dmuchovsky, secretary, pro tem.

The committee met again, on May 21, to consider certain articles in the warrant for a special town meeting. It was voted to make the following recommendations: article 2, that the sum of \$8500 be taken from surplus revenue to meet the cost of maturing school construction bonds; article 5, that \$500 be appropriated from the reserve fund for special expenses incurred by the fire department in connection with forest fire protection; article 7, that \$1500 be taken from surplus revenue for curbing and grading connected with the installation of traffic control signals on Route 20.

At a meeting on September 27, Mr. Bennett appeared for the school committee to present a request for additional funds to carry on the school lunch program for the rest of the year. It was voted to recommend \$300 for this purpose. The transfer of \$100 from the reserve fund to the Tree Warden's account was also approved. Action on an additional appropriation for the police department and for the transfer of money from the machinery fund for the maintenance, care, replacement and purchase of town machinery was tabled for lack of information.

The committee reviewed its responsibilities under the by-laws of the town and noted that "to this committee shall be referred all articles involving the expenditure of money, in any warrant for a town meeting . . .

After due consideration of such articles, said committee shall report thereon to the Town meeting such recommendations as it shall deem best for the interest of the town." The committee discussed the problem of having requests for approval of appropriations submitted early enough in advance to permit careful study. It was agreed that steps should be taken to have all such requests turned in not less than one week before the town meeting at which action was to be taken. Mr. Bagster-Collins assumed the duties of secretary at this time.

At the regular meeting on October 1 the committee voted to recommend an appropriation of \$50 for the police department and to approve the transfer of \$3158 from the machinery fund to the machinery account.

At the request of Selectman Adams a special meeting was held on October 25 to discuss the question of an extraordinary expense that would have to be met in connection with the maintenance of the water supply to the town's public buildings and facilities. The committee was informed that bids had been invited by the State highway department for the reconstruction of the Wales Road south of the elementary school which would require the town to provide 1800 feet of two-inch water-main, to replace those sections that would be disturbed in lowering the grade. It was estimated at this time that the distance between the town spring and the fountain was 4000 feet and that 3300 feet of water-main would lie under the new road surface. The probable condition of the old pipeline was discussed and the question was raised as to whether the entire pipeline ought not to be replaced; or whether it would be better to drill one or two artesian wells. No action was taken, pending the receipt of further information.

The possibility of an error in the computing of the tax rate for 1951 was discussed. It was noted that if

the tax rate were found to be higher than was needed, legislative action to remit any excess to individual taxpayers could be sought. While action in the matter was thought to be outside the scope of the committee's function, the committee concluded that the amount of any possible surplus revenue might well be of concern in acting upon the next year's budget.

At the regular meeting on November 5, the committee voted to recommend acceptance of two gifts, both to be known as the Philip Burns Family Fund: \$1000, the annual income to be used for public school purposes; \$1000, the annual income to be used for the public library.

On November 13 the committee reviewed various proposals for solution of the problem of maintaining the town's water supply to its public buildings. It was voted to recommend that \$1476 be appropriated from surplus revenue for replacing 1800 feet of two-inch water main. It was voted not to recommend drilling a well, or wells, as an alternative.

There was no business to be transacted at the regular meeting on December 3, but on December 29 the committee voted to recommend that money be transferred from the reserve account to carry the following through to the end of the fiscal year: Town Hall, \$100; Cemetery, \$25; Treasurer, \$30.

Preliminary study of the 1952 town budget was begun on February 4. Mr. Hicks presented in detail the budget for the fire department. Messrs. Adams and Gondek met with the committee and helped to clarify a number of points regarding specific budgetary requests.

At the final meeting for the year, on February 11, Mr. Lawrence presented the budget for the Welfare department. The committee learned that since the town is currently served by a qualified welfare worker, the law does not require that it enter into a tri-town welfare plan in July, 1952. Superintendent Ladd presented the school committee's budget and reported that recent developments had made it possible to withdraw a request for continuing support of the school lunch program. Mr. Bruce appeared for the library committee and Mr. Newton for the cemetery commissioners. Thereafter the committee met in closed session and reviewed carefully all budget requests. The specific recommendations appear, in accordance with section 3 of the by-laws, elsewhere in the town report.

The committee also reviewed those articles in the warrant for the annual town meeting dealing with appropriations and voted to make the following recommendations: article 15, the sum of \$75; article 17, the sum of \$307.04; article 18 the sum of \$9000, of which \$6965.85 should be taken from surplus revenue and \$2,034.15 from general revenue.

In compliance with sections 4 and 5 of the town bylaws the committee reports that it has held eleven special and regular meetings during the year. The committee has again found all departments and officers of the town most helpful in providing the information needed for its successful functioning and wishes to thank them for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

DENZIL BAGSTER-COLLINS

Secretary

Librarian's Report

NEW BOOKS ADDED LAST YEAR

FICTION

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Asch, Sholem | Moses |
| Ashton, Helen | Lettie Landon |
| Barr, Gladys H. | Monk in Armour |
| Bassett, Sara W. | Echôes of the Tide |
| Boyd, Martin | Lucinda Brayford |
| Bristow, Gwen | Jubilee Trail |
| Collins, Norman | Children of the Archbishop |
| De La Roche, Mazo | Renny's Daughter |
| Ermine, Will | Cowboy, Say Your Prayers |
| Feuchtwanger, Lion | Proud Destiny |
| Fleming, Berry | The Fortune Tellers |
| Herbert, Arthur | Freedom Run |
| Hobart, Alice Tisdale | The Serpent-Wreathed Staff |
| Kendrick, Baynard | The Flames of Time |
| Kennedy, Margaret | Lucy Carmichael |
| Keyes, Frances Parkinson | Joy Street |
| Larrimore, Lida | The Lovely Duckling |
| Lawrence, Josephine | The Picture Window |
| Lorraine, Philip | The Break in the Circle |
| Marquand, John P. | Melville Goodwin, U. S. A. |
| Marshall, Marguerite | The Longest Way Round |
| McMeekin, Clark | City of the Flags |
| Monsarrat, Nicholas | The Cruel Sea |
| Overholser, Wayne D. | Steel to the South |
| Palffy, Eleanor | Lady and the Painter |
| Patton, Frances G. | The Finer Things of Life |

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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Pratt, Theodore | The Big Bubble |
| Roberts, Mary Carter | The Abbot Sisters |
| Santee, Ross | Hardrock and Silver Sage |
| Sharp, Margery | Lise Lillywhite |
| Slaughter, Frank G. | The Road to Bithynia |
| Stevenson, D. E. | Shoulder the Sky |
| Stevenson, D. E. | Young Mrs. Savage |
| Stone, Irving | The President's Lady |
| Thane, Elswyth | Dawn's Early Light |
| Troyat, Henri | My Father's House |
| Twiss, Clinton | The Long, Long Trailer |
| Wouk, Herman | The Caine Mutiny |
| Walker, Mannix | Everything Rustler |

NON-FICTION

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|---|------------------------------------|
| Angiers, Vena and Bradford | At Home in the Woods |
| Bell, Louise Price | Parties on a Budget |
| Bennett, Joan | How to be Attractive |
| Burgess, Perry | Born of Those Years |
| Carter, Ross S. | Those Devils in Baggy Pants |
| Cook, Frederick, Dr. | Return from the Pole |
| Cooper, Gordon | Treasure-Trove, Pirates' Gold |
| | Chronicles of America Vols. 51-56 |
| Fales, Walter | Wisdom and Responsibility |
| Fowler, Gene | Schnozzola, Story of Jimmy Durante |
| Frank, Waldo | Birth of a World |
| Gilbreth, Frank Jr., and Ernestine G. Carey | Bells on their Toes |
| | Tara's Healing |
| Giles, Janice Holt | Riddle of MacArthur |
| Gunther, John | Look Younger, Live Longer |
| Hauser, Gaylord | Animal Wonder World |
| Lane, Frank W. | A Man Called Peter |
| Marshall, Catherine | I Cannot Rest from Travel |
| Price, Willard | Health of the Mind |
| Rees, J. R. | This I Remember |
| Roosevelt, Eleanor | Bradford of Plymouth |
| Smith, Bradford | |

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|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Thomas, Lowell | Back to Mandalay |
| Toombs, Alfred | Honeymoon for Seven |
| Yim, Louise | My Forty Years Fight for Korea |

JUVENILE

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Burt, Oliver W. | Cloud Girl |
| Chase, Alice Elizabeth | Famous Paintings |
| Commager, Henry Steele | America's Robert E. Lee |
| Daugherty, Sonia | Ten Brave Men |
| Field, Eugene | In Wink-a-Way Land |
| Finney, Gertrude | Sleeping Mines |
| Gates, Doris | Little Vic |
| Giles, Janice H. | Miss Willie |
| Govan, Christine N. | Surprising Summer |
| Hausman, Leon A. | Beginner's Guide to Attracting Birds |
| Higgins, Helen B. | Juliette Low |
| O'Brien's, Jack | Royal Red |
| Townsend, Olga | White-Tailed Deer |
| Yates, Elizabeth | Amos Fortune |

LAND OF THE FREE SERIES

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Berry, Erick | Seven Beaver Skins |
| Best, Herbert | Watergate |
| Bontemps, Arna | Chariot in the Sky |
| Coatsworth, Elizabeth | Door to the North |
| Gage, Joseph H. | The Beckoning Hills |
| Havighurst, Walter and Marion | Song of the Pines |
| Lundy, Jo Evalin | Seek the Dark Gold |
| Malkus, Alida | Colt of Destiny |
| Means, Florence and Carl | The Silver Fleece |
| Robinson, Gertrude | Sign of the Golden Fish |
| Singmaster, Elsie | I Heard of a River |

Report of the Fire Chief and Forest Warden

During the year the Dept. has responded to twenty nine (29) calls for fires and seven (7) drill calls for testing equipment.

All buildings, that were destroyed or damaged—with the exception of a small brooder house—have been replaced or repaired within the year, so there has been no taxable loss to the Town.

There was one expensive Forest Fire which made the cost of that Dept. more than usual.

During the Fire season, Mr. Bonnette furnished a truck with water tanks, that was used to good advantage with the Town portable pump and hose at no expense to the Town.

As there are many buildings where the water supply is limited the Town should consider purchasing a Tank Truck of their own, to be stationed in the west part of the Town.

Through the efforts of the Volunteer Fire Dept. dangerous grass land around buildings (where requested) was burned over in the Spring.

A remote control switch for the Siren at E. Brimfield was installed at Mr. Gilman's house to give more efficient service at night.

Eleven new water holes have been established and several old ones reconditioned.

Equipment and Hose have been repaired where necessary and are all in good condition at the present time.

Again I wish to call to your attention that Permits are required under State regulations for the following:

To install-alter Fuel Oil Burning Equip.

To install-alter Liquified Petroleum Gas.

To store Fuel Oil and Gas.

A (Certificate of Competency) is required for all installations or alterations of Oil burning equipment.

PERMITS ISSUED.

| | |
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| To install-alter Fuel Oil Burning Equip. | 23 |
| To install Liquified Petroleum Gas | 36 |
| For Blasting | 1 |
| For storing gasoline (own use) | 3 |
| To Store Fuel Oil | 27 |

NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASED

| | |
|---|--------|
| 1600 ft. 1 1/8 Forest Fire Hose | 800.00 |
| 200 ft. 1 1/2 D. J. Hose | 200.00 |
| 2—1/2 tips for Booster Nozzle | 8.40 |
| Battery (Exide-Hycap) | 39.00 |
| 4 all brass Indian pump cans | 88.00 |
| 100 Stay put wire clamp | 9.75 |
| 4 Elkhart Tri Locks | 35.00 |
| 1 set 2 1/2 NST Brass Male & Female conn. | 24.30 |
| 1 set 1 1/2 IPT Brass Male & Female conn. | 16.06 |

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| 1—1½x1½ Adapter | 4.50 |
| 1 #2 Snubber Tool | 10.00 |
| 2 Red Lights and Batteries | 30.00 |
| Material and Labor wiring Remote | |
| Control switch at Gilman's Station | 26.40 |
| 1 Special 1 1/8 base thread XAHT tip T. nozzle | 24.62 |
| 10 SA Extra Hoses @ 1.50 | 15.00 |
| 24 gaskets for above @ .15 | 3.60 |
| 1—20 pound Ansul | 62.50 |
| 1—running board bracket | 9.00 |
| 18—1 1/8 hose gaskets @ 2.10 per doz. | 3.15 |
| Miscellaneous purchases | 31.56 |
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| | 1,440.84 |

FOREST FIRE CALLS

| Place | Time | Reporting | Loss | Cost |
|---|------------|-----------|------|---------|
| Feb. 25—Perry Weston | 12:15 P.M. | 21 Men | None | \$21.00 |
| April 7—Bfld. - Monson Line | 11:00 A.M. | 10 Men | None | 10.00 |
| April 7—Sleepy Hollow (Wales Rd.) | 6:45 P.M. | 14 Men | None | 14.00 |
| April 15—Sherman Lake Camp Lots 34-35 | 2:00 P.M. | 14 Men | None | 14.00 |
| April 30—W. M. Mundell Fiskdale Rd. E. Bfld. | 11:15 A.M. | 12 Men | None | 12.00 |
| May 1—Breakneck Hill | 12:45 P.M. | 6 Men | None | 6.00 |
| May 2—W. Bfld. Cemetery | 2:30 P.M. | 18 Men | None | 18.00 |
| May 2—E. H. Cross Brush and Swamp Land | 1:15 P.M. | 65 Men | None | 296.00 |
| May 15—Rassy's (Mill Lane Rd.) | 4:15 A.M. | 23 Men | None | No Chg. |
| July 24—Griswold (Dingley Dell) | 3:00 A.M. | 17 Men | None | 17.00 |
| Aug. 7—J. A. G. Hoyt | 8:30 P.M. | 7 Men | None | 7.00 |
| Oct. 30—C. Woods (W. Bfld.) | 10:30 A.M. | 10 Men | None | 10.00 |
| Nov. 11—J. H. Galliker (Holland Rd.) | 3:00 P.M. | 16 Men | None | 16.00 |
| Nov. 22—R. Pease (Dunhamtown) | 12 Noon | 10 Men | None | 10.00 |

Probable cause of these fires:—1 Incinerator, 3 Children, 1 False alarm,
 2 Careless disposal of smoking material, 1 Permit Fire not properly ex-

Total \$451.00

tinguished, 2 Permit Fires out of control, 1 Rubbish fire, 1 burning without a permit, 1 Spontaneous combustion, 1 Unknown.

OTHER CALLS

| Place | Time | Reporting | Loss |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------|---------|
| Jan. 9—Indian Village | 245 A.M. | 23 Men | Total |
| Jan. 9—Parker Farms | 8:00 A.M. | 4 Men | None |
| Feb. 9—Ralph Hall | 9:00 P.M. | 15 Men | Total |
| March 1—Bracci House (Wales) | 12:45 P.M. | 4 Men | Total |
| April 20—A. Artruc (Wales) | 8:30 A.M. | 13 Men | Total |
| April 28—Ruth Phillips | 11:30 A.M. | 9 Men | Partial |
| April 28—Robert Peterson (Holland) | 7:30 P.M. | 16 Men | Partial |
| May 12—Leon MacCormack | 9:30 A.M. | 8 Men | None |
| May 14—L. and R. Poirier | 11:00 P.M. | 34 Men | Minor |
| June 1—Indian Village (Truck) | 5:00 P.M. | 12 Men | Partial |
| June 25—Air Plane Crash | 9:00 A.M. | 10 Men | Partial |
| Aug. 18—Car Fire (Boy's Club) | 5:00 P.M. | 14 Men | Partial |
| Aug. 30—R. Bessette | 9:00 P.M. | 32 Men | Minor |
| Oct. 6—Arne's Inn | 12 Noon | 18 Men | Partial |
| Nov. 9—N. Fountain | 1:00 A.M. | 21 Men | Minor |

Probable cause of these fires:—6 from overheated or defective heating equip., 3 careless disposal of smoking material, 1 car, defective exhaust, 1 Truck, careless handling of road flares, 1 Airplane—unknown, 3 out of town fires.

FIRE DEPT. BUDGET 1952

| | | |
|----------------------|--------|------------|
| Salary | 50.00 | |
| Storage | 360.00 | |
| Gas, Oil and Repairs | 285.00 | |
| Telephone | 130.00 | |
| Ins. on Trucks | 200.00 | |
| Ins. on Men | 175.00 | |
| Fire Permits | 50.00 | |
| Water Holes | 50.00 | |
| Fire Payroll | 400.00 | |
| New Equipment | 200.00 | |
| New Hose (2½ in.) | 600.00 | \$2,500.00 |

SIREN SIGNALS

- 1 Blast for Forest Fire
- 2 Blasts for all other Fires
- 1 Blast at 7:30 A. M.—No School
- Long wavy blast of 3 min. for Air Raid
- 3—1 min. blasts—all clear.

I wish to thank the Citizens of the Town and the members of the Volunteer Fire Dept. for their cooperation in keeping our fire loss at a minimum.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY C. HICKS

Fire Chief and Forest Warden

**1951 Report
of the
TRUSTEES FOR COUNTY AID TO
AGRICULTURE**

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD

The Trustees are grateful for the support given their agents during the year by the following local citizens who have, without pay, assisted in carrying out various projects in farm practices, home management and work with boys and girls in 4-H club work:

Albert Birchenough, Geraldine Boutwell, Mary Bruce, Beatrice Fountain, Dorothy Fountain, Mrs. Albert Gendreau, Clara Gendreau, Anne Gendreau, Lillian Marcille, Mrs. Robert J. MacConnell, Mrs. M. J. St. Clair, Mrs. D. H. Wells, Jr., Patty Whitten, Mrs. Gladys Whitten and Mrs. Herbert Wright.

Any appropriation made by the town to the Trustees is held by the County Treasurer and used exclusively for reimbursing any local resident of the town for necessary expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of the law under which the Trustees are appointed. The above local voluntary leaders expended during the year for either travel, meals or demonstration supplies the sum of \$59.75.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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| 1951 Town Appropriation | \$50.00 |
| 1950 Unexpended Balance | 14.57 |
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| Total Available for 1951 | 64.57 |
| Expenditures in 1951 | 59.75 |
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| Balance available | 4.82 |
| Appropriation recommended for 1952 | 75.00 |

Respectfully,

Trustees For County Aid To Agriculture

LBB:c.

L. B. BOSTON, Clerk

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

As in previous years, we have again covered all the town roads and also have done quite a bit of field work. We found and destroyed 3,858 egg clusters of the Gypsy Moth, more than twice as many as last year.

PERCY N. MOORE, Supt.

REPORT OF THE TOWN PLANNING STUDY COMMITTEE

This committee was instructed to report to the town on whether Brimfield needs a town planning board at the present time. In order to do this it has been necessary to study some of the principles of town planning in general, to examine the state statutes pertaining to town planning, to investigate how planning boards have functioned in other communities, and still further, to study some of the problems both present and future which confront the town of Brimfield.

As a result of our study of these questions, the members of this committee are agreed that Brimfield does need town planning, but we do not recommend that the town accept Chapter 340 and establish a statutory Town Planning Board at this time.

We do recommend, however, the establishment of a Planning Committee of five members, to be elected from the floor at the annual town meeting, and that this committee be instructed to study the needs and resources of the town and make an annual report to the town, and also be authorized to study and make recommendations concerning such problems as are referred to it by the boards and committees of the town.

We feel that an advisory committee of this nature would be of real service to the community in gathering information, making studies, and informing the voters on important problems in the town.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND LEMMELIN

RAYMOND D. CLARKE

JULIA C. DAVIS

EDWARD J. KILLIAN

RICHARD J. BROWN

CIVILIAN DEFENSE PROGRAM

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Town of Brimfield

Gentlemen:

The financial report for the Civilian Defense Program for the Town of Brimfield for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1951 is as follows:—

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| Appropriation at Annual Town Meeting | \$200.00 |
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Expenditures:

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| 125 penny postal cards | \$1.25 | |
| Telephone | .65 | |
| 60 Arm Bands @ 38¢ | 22.80 | 24.70* |
| | | |
| Unexpended Balance | | \$175.30 |
| * Paid in 1952 | | |

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD J. LOUX

Director Civilian Defense

Director of Civilian Defense

DONALD J. LOUX

Assistant Directors

ERNEST ROBERTS

ROBERT BRUCE

ARTHUR GILMAN

Fire Control

STANLEY C. HICKS, Chief

CLARK W. HAYWARD, Ass't Chief

HENRY LACH, Ass't Chief

VICTOR BONNETTE, Ass't Chief

Highway Control

HAROLD E. HITCHCOCK, Sup't of Streets

Police Control

EDWIN F. FENTON, Chief

CHESTER NORTON

GEORGE E. HITCHCOCK

HARRY B. LANDEN

RAYMOND CLARK

Red Cross

MRS. BEULA BRUCE

Assistants

VIOLET G. LOUX

EVELYN PLUMLEY

FRANCES LEMMELIN

ALICE MATHESON

Evacuation

NOAH D. FOUNTAIN

Assistants

J. FREDERICK LAWRENCE WILLIAM D. SPOONER

CHARLES P. WHEELER

Wardens: C. K. Silvius, Percy N. Moore, Ernest Collette, Murray J. Killian, Homer L. Parker, Roger Bennett, James C. Hatch, Robert Phifer, Charles DeLand, Stanley Parker, Roger Mathieu, John Haley, Edward J. Killian, Verner Hill, Andrew W. Gondek, Roy Steenhoff, Leonard Boudriault, John Sherman, John P. Moore, Donald McGowan, Philip Benjamin, Stanley Karsmarcyk, Eugene Roberts, Edward Sheeran, Sumner Barr, Frank Boone, Albert Gendreau, George Watson, Gerald Bonnette, Valentine Blacker, Raymond Lemmelin, Leo Lavigne, Sherman Boutwell, Alphonse Czyzeski, Otis Clark, William Fresh.

Legion Auxiliary Police: Commander, Robert Metcalf, Percy N. Moore, Stanley C. Hicks, William Whitten, George Adams, Enoch Wright, Thomas D. Stone, A. E. Wigglesworth, R. Plumley, Norman L. Howlett, V. A. Belanger, Edwin P. Mariott, John Sherman, A. Birch-enough, James C. Hatch, David Brown, Floyd M. Day, William Fresh, Ralph H. Hall, Munroe Tarbell, Richard Brown.

First Aid Station Supervisors: Harold E. Goetze, Edwin E. Sheeran, Percy N. Moore, Victor Bonnette.

CIVIL DEFENSE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Brimfield

There are still many people in this town who feel that Civil Defense measures are unnecessary at this time. With this in mind, we have endeavored to keep our cost at a minimum, and still comply with the Massachusetts regional requirements.

During the past fifteen months we held an informal meeting with the Volunteer Fire Department and the

American Legion Post. We had William J. Birmingham Director of Civilian Defense in Monson, address a public meeting at the Town Hall which attracted about one hundred townspeople.

During the year we distributed 200 booklets explaining what to do in the event of a bombing; also 200 wall charts to explain the air raid signals and what we must do. These were distributed in the local schools and posted in all public places throughout the town.

The Town of Brimfield is not considered a strategic area principally because we have no industry situated here.

However, we are faced with a problem.

THE PROBLEM: If, adjacent cities like Springfield and Hartford were subjected to bombing, we, here in Brimfield, would have a serious traffic problem to contend with. Hundreds of evacuees passing through our Town would present the possibility of damaging property and looting homes; furthermore, sickness; injury and hysteria would hamper our efforts to keep traffic on the move.

THE ANSWER: To best cope with this problem we have set up an auxiliary police unit composed of twenty volunteer Legionnaires of the Town headed by Commander Robert Metcalf. They will function in harmony with the local police department. In addition, the Commonwealth has designated two traffic control stations for This Town (Numbers 43-1 and 43-2) situated at the junction of Routes 19 and 20 and junction of Holland Road and Route 20.

In view of the fact that we have no Doctor and no hospital in the community, we have designated First Aid Stations that will be set up in the Valley Garage; Town Hall; Brimfield Garage, Inc.; and Jeff Bonnett's Theatre in East Brimfield.

The local Welfare Board has made a spot check of available beds in Town and the Mass. State Police have made a complete record of all summer dwellings; lake property etc. which could be used as temporary shelter in the event of disaster. It is the order of the State Director that Towns like ours be ready to assist metropolitan areas in the event of bombings.

It is my honest opinion that Brimfield will be hard pressed to handle its own problems without acting as a receiving station for several hundred outside evacuees. We have no public sewerage system; no public water supply; and no reserve of food stuffs. I have gone on record with the State as to these facts.

The Commonwealth of Mass. under the War Emergency Act; has designated the following available shelters within our town limits:

| Name of Building | Capacity | Bed Capacity |
|-----------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Brimfield Center School | (320) | |
| Hitchcock Academy | (115) | |
| Town Hall | (519) | (71) |
| Sleepy Hollow Dance Hall | (325) | (39) |
| Springfield Boys Club | (1415) | (177) |
| Camp Sequovah (Little Alum) | (525) | (65) |
| Bar L-H Camp East Brimfield | (738) | (88) |

In order to handle problems of shelter; first aid; evacuation; air raid warning, fire and transportation we cannot operate in a rural community such as ours with much less than a minimum of sixty volunteers. At

this writing we have signed up 38 full or part time workers.

With full knowledge of what COULD HAPPEN in the event of attack; I urgently ask that every available man offer his services. Because we have no industries to fight our cause it is reasonable to assume that very little State and Federal Aid will be given to Brimfield. To date we can expect little but First Aid supplies. To offset our limitations, let's do the best we can with what we have.

We need Wardens; First Aid workers; Stretcher bearers; Converted ambulance drivers; Auxiliary help of every description. If you are available either night or day or both, please contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD J. LOUX

Civil Defense Director

School Committee's Report

1951

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| Member | Term expires |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| HENRY LACH, Chairman | 1952 |
| ROGER W. BENNETT, Secretary | 1953 |
| FRANCES LEMMELIN | 1954 |

Superintendent of Schools

HAROLD M. LADD

Office hours:

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 m. - 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
when school is in session

At the high or elementary school every Monday

Telephone Monson 67-2 (office)
Monson 365 (residence)

Secretary to the Superintendent

HELYNN S. HALEY

Office telephone—Monson 67-2

Office hours:

8:30 a.m. to 12 m. - 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
when school is in session

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| School Physician | DR. ROBERT T. BUSH |
| School nurse | LUELLA I. YOUNG, R. N. |
| Supervisor of Attendance | EDWARD E. SHEERAN |

Hours of School Sessions

High School: 8:45 a.m. to 12:04 p.m. — 12:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Elementary: 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 m. — 12:55 p.m. to 2:55 p.m.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL—One blast of the Fire Alarm will indicate that there is to be no session of school.

Entering Age of Children

Six years of age on or before the first of January following the opening of school in September.

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL UNION NO. 6

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1951-1952

1951

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|-----------|----|-----------|---|
| September | 5 | Wednesday | Schools open |
| | 17 | Monday | School closed—Eastern States Exposition |
| October | 12 | Friday | Schools closed—Columbus Day |
| | 19 | Friday | Schools closed—Hampden County Teachers Association Convention |
| November | 12 | Monday | Schools closed—Observance of Armistice Day |
| | 22 | (Thursday | Schools closed—Thanksgiving Recess |
| | 23 | (Friday | Wednesday, November 21—all schools close at 12:05 p. m. |
| | 26 | Monday | Schools reopen |
| December | 21 | Friday | Schools close for Christmas vacation Regular sessions will be held on this day |

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| January | 2 | Wednesday | Schools reopen |
| February | 21 | Thursday | Schools close for Midwinter vacation |
| March | 3 | Monday | Schools reopen |
| April | 11 | Friday | Schools closed—Good Friday |
| | 25 | Friday | Schools close for Spring vacation |
| May | 5 | Monday | Schools reopen |
| | 30 | Friday | Schools closed—Memorial Day |
| **June | 6 | Friday | Elementary schools close for Summer vacation |
| | 17 | Tuesday | High School closes for Summer vacation |

**——The closing dates are tentative

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

I herewith submit my tenth report as superintendent of schools. This report includes the reports of the high school principal, elementary school principal, music supervisor, school nurse and various statistical tables relating to the operation of our schools

STAFF

The following teachers have been elected to fill vacancies that have developed during the past year: Robert D. Bengle, principal, elementary school and teacher of grade six; Carolyn Clark, grade eight. A complete record of the training and experience of all teachers will be found in Appendix C.

HOUSING

Brimfield is in the fringe area of urban influence on population. A preparedness economy stimulates the building of new homes and the influx of new families in excess of normal trends reflecting in school population because most of these new residents are young growing families. The birthrate was abnormally high in 1947 and 1948 so there will be a heavy registration in grade one by 1953 with part of this bulge showing up in 1952. Normally we could expect a drop or at least a levelling off of school population after 1953 but there are so many factors combining to determine our registration that we cannot hope for much of a decrease for some years hence.

It is very obvious that present high school facilities are inadequate to handle these additional pupils but there is a special committee working on this problem and undoubtedly there will evolve a satisfactory solution from its findings. The main objective is to provide facilities that will be educationally sound and large enough to handle the traffic. It is folly to plan for anything short of the next twenty-five years. Some communities have already built only to find that enrollment exceeded their estimates in less than two years and additions are now imperative.

Limited housing and playground facilities limit the school program. Schools belong to the people and it is simply a case of deciding what kind of schools will meet the demand of the community and the community is willing to support.

PROGRAM

Improved school facilities make it possible to enrich the school program. Movable furniture allows pupils to work in small groups and carry on projects at variable rates commensurate with the ability of the pupil. Volumes have been written about what to do with the slow pupil but it is the bright pupil that has had little attention and he is too often neglected. Every class should provide for these individual differences and give initiative free range. The use of the cafeteria area for assemblies will give added opportunities for musical and dramatic programs at the elementary school. Visual equipment should be added as soon as possible to provide programs for the classroom and the whole school.

An adequate program at the high school level is essential to hold pupils in school. The lure of high wages for unskilled labor encourages pupils to leave school as soon as they can obtain a working certificate and this

becomes the turning point between a vocation and a profession. Every effort should be made by parents and teachers to hold in school those pupils who can profit by higher education. Military service is in store for those who are physically fit and education is more essential than ever for progress in the highly specialized branches of the service.

Expansion of the physical education program in the lower grades is receiving more attention and it would be desirable to have a trained supervisor who would handle all recreational activities for Union #6. Teachers now handle their own groups on the playground and organize play activities and that is about all that can be accomplished without a director.

KNOW YOUR SCHOOLS

How many times have you visited your schools this year? One week is set aside during the month of November to focus attention on the nation's schools; parents are invited to visit during this week and get acquainted with teachers and actually observe the physical conditions under which pupils work and play in school. It is unfortunate that parents are invited during one special week of the year to visit schools because every week should be visiting week; teachers welcome an opportunity to discuss pupil problems with parents because this is the only way that full cooperation can be established between the school and the home.

Schools represent the greatest single expenditure in the operation of any community and they deserve the kind of consideration that is commensurate with their cost. School needs have increased by leaps and bounds in the past ten years but this is because there has been an abnormal increase in school population. These are your

children and they are entitled to the best educational opportunities that the community can afford; more children mean more classrooms and it follows that more classrooms mean more teachers plus more of the physical equipment that is required to complete that classroom. Textbooks and supplies, personal services, and all other items that go to make a school cost more but there is no social agency that turns out a more valuable product than our children.

HEALTH

The school health program is built around the establishment of habits that one must cultivate and keep physically fit and information for parents regarding communicable diseases. All children should be examined by the family physician before entering school to detect any defects that will interfere with normal progress in school. It is unfair to the pupil to expect him to keep up with the class if he has audio or visual handicaps.

The State Department of Public Health has recently set the pattern for physical examinations in schools and a number of new requirements have been added to the old procedure. The time required to examine one child has been nearly doubled and the department recommends that alternate grades be examined each year instead of the present practice of having every pupil examined each year. Since public health examinations are not supposed to replace the examination of a specialist, there may be some justification for this change but the fact remains that many conditions can develop within a two-year period that need attention.

The matter of personal safety should be a part of every school health program. Posters are received from the National Safety Council during the school year and

these are designed to correlate with a testing program that covers highway, school and home safety. Most accidents occur because someone did not think and any plan that will aid in averting an accident is good.

PLANT

Repairs are less on a new building but the addition of classrooms means more maintenance; normal wear and tear will produce conditions that call for constant repair.

The heating plant at the high school has been converted to oil with the installation of the burner that was removed from the elementary school when that plant was enlarged.

CONCLUSION

I wish to thank the members of the Brimfield School Committee for their counsel, the Brimfield Parent-Teacher Association for its continued interest in school affairs, and the teaching staff for loyal attention to the task at hand. Education is big business that calls for the best that we all can give but this is the greatest hope for a free world.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD M. LADD

Superintendent of Schools

Report of the High School Principal

Brimfield High School
Brimfield, Massachusetts
January 22, 1952

Mr. Harold M. Ladd
Superintendent of Schools
Monson, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Ladd:

I submit my annual report as principal of Hitchcock Free Academy operated as Brimfield High School. School opened September 5, 1951 with an enrolment of 74 pupils.

Several pupils, probably attracted by high wages, have left school to go to work. The school needs the help of parents in pointing out that this is a short-sighted point of view. Because of this trend I have been lenient in granting excuses for part time employment to those pupils who have their parents permission for such work, as long as they can keep up with their school work. I am sure you will agree with this policy if it keeps in school those who might otherwise leave.

The return of Grade VII and VIII to the elementary school building together with two teachers throws a

heavy load on the high school staff. Each teacher has charge of a class or study period every minute of the school day. We are trying our best to continue with those extra curricula activities that we feel are so important to the development of young people. Now that this work is divided among four teachers instead of six you can appreciate how hard the high school staff is working..

It is not necessary to review the Regional High School question here since its aims and purposes are contained in the report of the planning board. I would like to point out that the acceptance of the regional school plan by the several towns, does not, automatically solve all school problems. It is, however, an opportunity to go ahead and, with careful planning and good management build up a school that will do the greatest possible good in educating the young people of the area. I see no reason why the fine spirit of loyalty to Hitchcock Free Academy cannot become a part of the new school. I feel certain that the Trustees of Hitchcock Free Academy will find a solution to their problems which enable them to carry out the intention of Samuel A. Hitchcock.

I wish to thank you, the school committee, and the teachers for your continued help and encouragement.

Your respectfully,

ROBERT E. BRUCE

Principal

REB/ W

REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr. Harold M. Ladd
Superintendent of Schools
Brimfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Ladd:

Early in May the new wing of the elementary school was completed and occupied. The new rooms provide facilities and environment so necessary to a learning situation. Especially notable are the green chalkboards, modern movable furniture, air conditioning and adequate toilet facilities.

Our cafeteria program has contributed much to the health of our boys and girls. Approximately 80% of the pupils purchase part or all of their lunch at the school regularly and everyone enjoys a pleasant lunch period in a cheerful lunchroom. A great deal of praise is due to the managers and cooks. After Mrs. Dady resigned in June we were fortunate to have Mrs. Wright take over and organize a program. Mrs. Whitten has succeeded Mrs. Wright. Mrs. Killian, who has been with us throughout the year, has teamed up with Mrs. Whitten to give us the best in food and service. They are doing a tremendous job.

In September, grades seven and eight were organized under a departmental system with four major subjects. Miss Carolyn Clark is teaching English and science and Mrs. Mary Gaudette is teaching mathematics and history. This new system is working smoothly

and will make for an easier transition to the secondary level.

Our music program has shown marked development. The joint chorus in grades seven and eight has given several fine performances.

Recently we have received new equipment. The new liquid duplicator will be a great aid to the teachers in preparing their classroom work and it will also be useful in the administration of the school. The new film strip and slide projector will be of great assistance in teaching all areas of the curriculum.

A look to the future: We are planning a series of teachers meetings for the purpose of improving our reading program. The meetings will be of the workshop type held at regular intervals with teachers doing research, contributing from their own experiences, demonstrating the methods, and discussing the various aspects of the reading program. Under your guidance, the results of this program should make for an improved reading program and as a result our ultimate goal—better readers.

In closing, I wish to thank you for your guidance and cooperation, members of the school staff for their loyalty and parents for their interest. Pupil progress during the past year is indicative of future growth and achievement. It has been a pleasure to experience such teamwork.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT D. BENGLE

Principal, Elementary School

Appendix A

REPORT OF SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

Dr. Robert Bush, school physician, held a pre-school children's clinic in May to examine children who would enter school in September. Parents were present at the examination.

In September the doctor began the yearly physical examinations. He came every Thursday morning and continued until they were all examined at both schools. Notices were sent to parents of conditions needing care as follows: Dental care—33; throat conditions—6, Wax in ears—7, heart murmur—1 and Gland—1. The findings of more dental care needed is what predominates. Better home care of teeth would be a help but the need of a regular dentist's care is very necessary. Regular visits to the family dentist should be planned for and a more extensive examination given and work needed at the time taken care of.

Too much wax in the ears can be a threat to good hearing and may lead to deafness. Sometimes this can be cared for in the home under the doctor's supervision. A hard plug of wax and dust can be forced against the ear drum and cause permanent damage.

Eight home calls were made to consult with parents. One trip was made to Belchertown for a psychiatric examination of a child.

The ninth and twelfth grades were transported to Palmer to have chest X-rays taken by the Mass. X-ray Clinic. Arrangements were made by the Hampden County and Public Health Association. No one was asked to have a follow-up X-ray. This is a yearly program sponsored by the Massachusetts Health Department.

Equipment is borrowed from the Massachusetts Department of Health to make vision and hearing tests at a time when this equipment is available. The vision was tested in April and notices sent to the parents of ten children who failed in one of the tests. Three children were wearing glasses and may have needed to have them changed or they may have the best correction they can have. With the new equipment the eyes are tested for near and farsightedness and astigmatism. Any one of these failures needs the advice of an eye specialist. A trip was made to Worcester to return the machine.

The children were weighed and measured and their growth was recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

LUELLA I. YOUNG

School Nurse

Appendix B

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

The addition of the new seventh and eighth grade rooms in the Brimfield Elementary School has necessitated a bi-weekly visiting program to grades one through six, and a weekly visit to the combined seventh and eighth grades. Included in this schedule is time for an elementary band rehearsal.

Free instrumental instruction is offered for all standard band and orchestra instruments to all students from Grade V up through and including the high school. Since it is difficult to give adequate instruction beyond the second year of class lessons, it is recommended that parents provide private instruction for those students who show ability.

A baritone horn has been purchased for the band, but to balance the instrumentation, it is recommended that several French horns and Sousaphones be acquired.

New uniforms are needed as those now in use are old and few in number.

The elementary school band has twenty-two members and is growing rapidly. Equipment which is needed for this band includes, a small bass drum, several snare drums, and a number of portable music racks. The elementary band provides a source of new members for the senior band.

The high school chorus has fifty-five members and its current project is the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "The Pirates of Penzance", which will be presented in March, 1952.

The senior band numbers approximately twenty-five members and has performed at numerous community and school functions.

In closing, I wish to thank the superintendent of schools, the principal of the elementary school, and the teachers for the cooperation and assistance given me this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN T. DAVIES

Music Supervisor

Appendix C
Directory of School Staff
December 31, 1951

| Position | Name | Training | Years Service in Brimfield | Years Service Total | Salary |
|------------------------------------|---|----------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| Administrative Staff | | | | | |
| Superintendent | Harold M. Ladd, BS, Ed.M. Univ. of N.H. | | 10 | 30 | \$1325 |
| Secretary to the Superintendent | *Helynn S. Haley, Bay Path Institute | | 16 | 17 | 675 |
| High School | | | | | 98 |
| Commercial | *Elaine Wright, Nasson College | | 3 | 3 | 2300 |
| English, French | Eugenia P. Tarbell, AB, Mount Holyoke | | 17 | 20 | 2750 |
| Math, Science | Freda B. Stegner, AB, Mount Holyoke | | 19 | 28 | 2850 |
| Sci., Social Studies | Robert E. Bruce, BS, Univ. of N.H. | | 10 | 23 | 3900 |
| Music | Benjamin T. Davies, B. Mus., Boston Univ. | | 2 | 2 | 625 |
| Household Arts | **Morraine Cheney, BS., Univ. of Tenn. | | 9 | 16 | 855 |
| Industrial Arts | **Loren Manbeck, A.A.S., Alfred College | | 0 | 0 | |

Elementary School

| | | | | |
|---------|---|----|----|------|
| I | Edna Peterson, Ed.M., Boston Univ. | 6 | 17 | 2500 |
| II | *Gladys Webber, Westfield Normal | 12 | 37 | 2520 |
| III | *Irma Davis, Washington State | 2 | 23 | 2300 |
| IV | Madeline Harrington, MS. Univ. of Mass. | 1 | 1 | 2300 |
| V | Helen Walinski, AB. Our Lady of Elms | 1 | 1 | 2100 |
| VI | Robert D. Bengle, Principal, BS, Tufts | 1 | 3 | 2900 |
| VII | Mary E. Gaudette | 7 | 32 | 2500 |
| VIII | †Carolyn Clark, BA. Anna Maria College | 0 | 0 | 2100 |
| Janitor | | | | |

* Diploma

† William T. Rogers to June.

** Part-time

Appendix D—Table I
ANNUAL SCHOOL CENSUS, 1951
As of October 1

| | 5 years or over and under 7 | 7 years or over and under 16 | Illiterate minors 16 yrs. or over and under 21 |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Total in Town | | | |
| Boys | 14 | 111 | |
| Girls | 19 | 96 | |
| Total | 33 | 207 | |
| In public school | 29 | 196 | |
| In continuation school | | | |
| In vocational school | | 1 | |
| In private school | 3 | 8 | |
| In state and county schools and special classes for defectives and delinquents | | 1 | |
| Not enrolled in any school | 1 | 1 | |
| Total | 33 | 207 | |

Appendix D—Table II
AGE - GRADE TABLE
October 1, 1951

| Age Grade | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | Total |
|--------------|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| I | 5 | 24 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 33 |
| II | | 3 | 19 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 26 |
| III | | | 3 | 13 | 3 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | 22 |
| IV | | | | 7 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | 25 |
| V | | | | | 2 | 13 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 25 |
| VI | | | | | | 3 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | 19 |
| VII | | | | | | 1 | 4 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 29 |
| VII | | | | | | | | 3 | 10 | 4 | 2 | | | | | | 19 |
| IX | | | | | | | | | 3 | 12 | 7 | 2 | 1 | | | | 25 |
| X | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 16 | 2 | | | | | 21 |
| XI | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 8 | 5 | | | | 16 |
| XII | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 10 | | | 11 |
| Total | 5 | 27 | 26 | 24 | 16 | 24 | 17 | 24 | 22 | 26 | 31 | 13 | 16 | | | | 271 |

Appendix E

ITEMIZED ACCOUNTS 1951

GENERAL EXPENSES

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Harold M. Ladd | \$1515.22 | |
| Helynn S. Haley | 662.64 | |
| New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. | 141.49 | |
| Beulah Bruce | 35.00 | |
| Robert Bengle | 5.00 | |
| Mass Ass'n Sch. Com. | 10.00 | |
| John Wallace | 8.75 | |
| Henry Lach | 100.00 | |
| Roger W. Bennett | 103.81 | |
| Frances Lemmelin | 100.00 | |
| Edward Sheeran | 48.20 | |
| Robert Bruce | 10.80 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2,740.91 |

TEACHERS' SALARIES

| | | |
|------------|-------------|-------------|
| High | \$12,826.86 | |
| Elementary | 20,372.89 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$33,199.75 |

TEXTBOOKS

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| Walberg & Auge | 62.93 |
| Charles E. Merrill Co. | 62.47 |
| Rand, McNally Co. | 7.80 |
| L. W. Singer Co. | 3.41 |
| Macmillan Co. | 33.48 |
| Gregg Pub. Co. | 10.35 |
| Row, Peterson Co. | 18.49 |
| Lyons & Carnahan | 58.51 |
| Iroquois Pub. Co. | 7.48 |
| So. Western Pub. Co. | 57.46 |

| | |
|----------------------|-------|
| Scott Foresman & Co. | 35.36 |
| Laidlaw Bros. | 31.49 |
| Silver Brudett Co. | 77.12 |
| Allyn & Bacon | 17.15 |
| D. C. Heath & Co. | 11.89 |
| Ginn & Co. | 12.97 |
| Nelson Music Co. | 50.10 |

\$558.46

SUPPLIES

| | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Macmillan Co. | \$52.73 |
| Cascade Paper Co. | 135.80 |
| Morine Cheney | 39.20 |
| Science Kit | 36.95 |
| Hatch's Village Store | 14.75 |
| Lewis E. Howlett | 193.18 |
| Mainco Trading Co. | 759.76 |
| Denoyer-Gappert Co. | 1.51 |
| J. L. Hammett Co. | 65.42 |
| M. Steinert Co. | 5.00 |
| H. T. Janes | 8.25 |
| Faulkner Hardware Co. | 60.00 |
| Cambosco Sci. Co. | 185.45 |
| Walberg & Auge | 4.40 |

\$1,562.40

WAGES OF JANITOR

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Edward Sheeran | 3,052.56 |
| (including \$300.06, labor) | |

3,052.56

FUEL

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Squier & Co. | 1,593.09 |
| Southbridge Coal Co. | 589.48 |

2,182.57

MISCELLANEOUS (operating)

| | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Hatch's Village Store | \$114.96 |
| Odorite Sanitation Service | 202.55 |
| LeBlanc's Hardware Co. | 6.62 |
| Worc. County Elec. Co. | 667.74 |
| G. C. Winter Co. | 4.45 |
| Brulin Co. | 3.36 |
| Faulkner Hardware Co. | 26.69 |
| Carder Floor & Wall Co. | 103.30 |
| J. L. Holcomb Mfg. Co. | 254.35 |
| Hillyard Sales Co. | 64.50 |
| Frank Bros. Paper Co. | 192.71 |
| Brimfield Garage | .40 |
| Cascade Paper Co. | 34.33 |
| Rochester Germicide Co. | 26.00 |
| Robert Rubber Mat Co. | 28.00 |
| Lunner Floor Service | 275.00 |
| G. A. Authier & Sons | 2.69 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,007.65 |

MAINTENANCE (Repairs)

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| E. W. Fisher | 8.85 |
| G. C. Winter Co. | 29.50 |
| Joseph VanHook | 110.87 |
| Percy N. Moore | 4.50 |
| Napoleon Biron | 373.50 |
| Faulkner Hardware Co. | 32.49 |
| G. A. Authier & Sons | 106.16 |
| H. E. Hitchcock | 75.00 |
| Geo. J. Allen | 23.25 |
| Royal Type. Co. | 180.00 |
| Geo. A. Flagg Co. | 144.00 |
| Springfield Office Supply Co. | 66.00 |
| Southbridge Coal Co. | 443.07 |

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| Brimfield Garage | 14.95 |
| T. O. Aliengena | 18.00 |

\$1,630.14

LIBRARIES

| | |
|------------------------|--------|
| Houghton, Mifflin Co. | 5.02 |
| American Book Co. | 153.50 |
| O. H. Toothaker ; | 11.13 |
| South-Western Pub. Co. | 4.30 |
| Beckley-Cardy Co. | 4.29 |
| Plymouth Press | 4.67 |
| Columbia University | .90 |
| Charles E. Merrill Co. | 32.51 |
| Macmillan Co. | 6.09 |

222.41

HEALTH

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Baker's Sports Center | \$27.05 |
| Rochester Germicide Co. | 33.00 |
| Dr. Robert Bush | 100.00 |
| Hampden County Tuberculosis Ass'n. | 200.00 |

\$360.05

TRANSPORTATION

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Charles E. Wheeler | 9,459.00 |
| Noah Fountain | 2,200.00 |
| William Spooner | 2,160.00 |
| Andrew Gondek | 525.00 |
| Robert Martin | 53.00 |

14,397.00

MISCELLANEOUS (auxiliary)

| | |
|------------------------|--------|
| Town of Brimfield | 166.00 |
| Peerless Laundry | 1.00 |
| LeBlanc's Hardware Co. | 10.34 |
| Makepeace Press | 25.94 |
| Palmer Register | 14.00 |
| Burr J. Merriam | 25.00 |
| Com., Public Safety | 10.00 |
| J. L. Hammett Co. | 28.32 |

280.60

NEW EQUIPMENT

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Cascade Paper Co. | 84.85 |
| Kittredge Store Fixture Co. | 198.00 |
| Springfield Office Supply Co. | 361.00 |
| Valley Cinema | 325.00 |

968.85

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS — 1951

| | Expenditures, 1951 | | Estimated 1952 |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | Elementary | High | Total |
| General expenses | \$ 1,370.46 | \$ 1,370.45 | \$ 2,740.91 |
| Expenses of instruction | | | \$ 3,050.00 |
| Teachers' salaries | 20,372.89 | 12,826.86 | 33,199.75 |
| Textbooks | 457.17 | 101.29 | 558.46 |
| Supplies | 648.65 | 913.75 | 1,562.40 |
| Expenses of operating | | | |
| Wages of janitor | 1,526.28 | 1,526.28 | 3,052.56 |
| Fuel | 1,593.00 | 589.48 | 2,182.57 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,642.66 | 364.99 | 2,007.65 |
| Maintenance (repairs) | 732.60 | 897.54 | 1,630.14 |
| Auxiliary agencies | | | 1,000.00 |
| Libraries | 212.54 | 9.87 | 222.41 |
| Health | 210.05 | 150.00 | 360.05 |
| Transportation | 9,575.95 | 4,821.05 | 14,397.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 125.28 | 155.32 | 280.60 |
| New equipment | 884.00 | 84.85 | 968.85 |
| | <u>\$39,351.62</u> | <u>23,811.73</u> | <u>63,163.35</u> |
| Appropriation, 1951 | | | 69,029.00 |
| Checks returned | | | \$63,404.00 |
| | | | <u>86.50</u> |
| Expenditures, 1951 | | | \$63,490.50 |
| | | | <u>63,163.35</u> |
| Balance on hand, 1951 | | | \$ 327.15 |

NET COST OF OPERATING BRIMFIELD SCHOOLS

1951

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Appropriation, 1951 | \$63,490.50 | |
| Unexpended, 1951 | 327.15 | |
| | <hr/> | \$63,163.35 |

Receipts:

From Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| School Fund, Chap. 643 | 13,714.30 |
| Supt.'s salary and expenses | 933.33 |
| Transportation, Chap. 70, s7A | 13,439.10 |
| Tuition & Transportation, | |
| State Wards | 5,939.32 |
| Tuition, non-resident | 2,881.52 |
| Income that must be expended | |
| for the support of the schools | 2,000.00 |

| | | |
|----------------|-------|-----------|
| Total Receipts | <hr/> | 38,907.57 |
|----------------|-------|-----------|

| | | |
|------------------|--|-------------------|
| NET COST TO TOWN | | <hr/> \$24,255.78 |
|------------------|--|-------------------|

Town Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden, ss:

To the Town Clerk of Brimfield, GREETINGS

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Monday, the 3rd day of March 1952 at 12 o'clock noon, to act on the following:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 2. To give in their votes to the election officers on one ballot for the following Town Officers: Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Three Selectmen, Tree Warden, Five Constables, all for the term of one year; one member of the Board of Public Welfare, one School Committeeman, One Assessor, One Cemetery Commissioner, Two Library Trustees and one Member of the Regional School District Committee, for the term of three years.

The polls will open at twelve o'clock noon and will close at eight o'clock in the evening. All business of said meeting and elections of town officers, except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as by law are required to be elected or determined by ballot, shall be considered after 8 p. m.

Article 3. To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the town and act thereon.

Article 4. To see what salaries the town will allow its officers for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To raise and appropriate money for the support of various departments and activities of the Town, payment of debts and defray expenses of the ensuing year and direct how same shall be expended.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Compensation Insurance Fund together with a sum to be raised by taxation to purchase compensation for Town employees.

Article 7. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of the Holland, Warren and Brookfield roads and King Bridge in West Brimfield under Chapter 90, to be used with sums allotted by the State and County for this purpose.

Article 9. To elect one trustee of the Harriet Harding Fund for three years.

Article 10. To elect one Trustee of the Harriet Harding Fund to fill the unexpired term of James A. G. Hoyt.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Chapter 90 Construction to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State and County or both for the purpose.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1952 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for the period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of reimbursement of allotments made by the State and County for Highways including Bridges.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice in some convenient and public place of the Town fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town upon Tax Title Procedure, provided that the Selectmen or whomever they may authorize to hold such public auction, may reject any bid which they deem inadequate.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75.00 to be expended in the Town by the Hampden County Trustees for Aid to Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 128, Section 42.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money from the Machinery Fund for the maintenance, care, replacement and purchase of town machinery for the ensuing year.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$307.04 in Connection with the Hampden County Retirement System.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000.00 to pay maturing bonds.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the granting of assistance to persons who are disabled, under the provisions of the Disability Assistance Law, Chapter 118d of the General Laws.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Planning Committee of Five members, to be elected from the floor at the annual Town Meeting, whose duties shall be to study the needs and resources of the Town and make an annual report to the Town, and also to study and make recommendations concerning such problems as are referred to it by the boards and committees of the Town.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to elect a moderator at the annual Town meeting to serve for a term of one year. The first election under this article to be held at the annual Town Meeting in 1953.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the town fourteen days at least before the sale, or at private sale, any old and obsolete equipment or personal property, provided that the Selectmen or whom-

soever they may authorize to hold such auction or sale may reject any bid which they deem inadequate, or take any action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting copies thereof at the Town Hall and Post Office, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 21st day of February 1952.

ANDREW W. GONDEK

EDWIN F. FENTON

GEORGE B. ADAMS, Jr.

Selectmen of Brimfield

Annual Reports
OF THE
Town Officers
OF THE
Town of Brimfield



AND OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE
Year Ending December 31, 1952

THE PALMER REGISTER, Inc.

Palmer, Mass.

1953

Town Officers --- 1952

Town Clerk

MABEL B. PEIRCE

Treasurer

EUGENIA P. TARBELL

Tax Collector

HARRIET T. BROWN

Selectmen

GEORGE B. ADAMS, Jr. EDWIN F. FENTON
RAYMOND D. CLARKE

Assessors

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| JOHN P. MOORE | Term expires 1955 |
| EDWARD J. KILLIAN | Term expires 1954 |
| JOHN M. HALEY | Term expires 1953 |

School Committee

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| HENRY LACH | Term expires 1955 |
| FRANCES M. LEMMELIN | Term expires 1954 |
| ROGER W. BENNETT | Term expires 1953 |

Board of Public Welfare

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| NANCY E. COX | Term expires 1955 |
| LLEWELLYN B. NORTON | Term expires 1953 |
| ERNEST J. COLLETTE | Term expires 1953 |
| J. FREDERICK LAWRENCE, Resigned | 1954 |

Cemetery Commission

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| CHENEY F. NEWTON | Term expires 1955 |
| EVERETT D. LANDEN | Term expires 1954 |
| GEORGE E. HITCHCOCK | Term expires 1953 |

Library Trustees

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| AGNES B. HICKS | Term expires 1955 |
| PHILIP S. BENJAMIN | Term expires 1955 |
| ROBERT E. BRUCE | Term expires 1954 |
| ALMA L. FOGG | Term expires 1954 |
| CHARLES A. DeLAND, Jr. | Term expires 1953 |
| EUGENIA P. TARBELL | Term expires 1953 |

Tree Warden

PERCY N. MOORE

Constables

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| RAYMOND D. CLARKE | GEORGE E. HITCHCOCK |
| HENRY LACH | HARRY B. LANDEN |
| CHESTER H. NORTON | |

Trustees Harriet Harding Fund

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| EDWARD J. KILLIAN | Term expires 1955 |
| LLEWELLYN B. NORTON | Term expires 1954 |
| ALMA W. BISSELL | Term expires 1953 |

Appointive Town Officers 1952

Town Accountant

FRANK S. GIFFORD

Superintendent of Streets

GEORGE B. SHERMAN

Chief Fire Dept. & Forest Warden

STANLEY C. HICKS

Inspector of Animals

CHESTER H. NORTON

Inspector of Slaughtering

DANIEL H. WELLS, Jr.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

ERNEST J. COLLETTE

Moth Superintendent

PERCY N. MOORE

Agent, Board of Health

DR. ROBERT BUSH

Burial Agent

ALFRED WIGGLESWORTH

Measurer of Wood and Bark

J. FREDERICK LAWRENCE

Finance Committee

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| DENZIL BAGSTER-COLLINS | Term expires 1955 |
| JOSEPH DMUCHOVSKY | Term expires 1955 |
| SAMUEL ORMSBEE | Term expires 1955 |
| JAMES C. HATCH | Term expires 1954 |
| HERMAN HAVEN | Term expires 1954 |
| THEODORE SKOWYRA | Term expires 1954 |
| DAVID B. BROWN | Term expires 1953 |
| NOAH D. FOUNTAIN | Term expires 1953 |
| FENTON R. HASTINGS | Term expires 1953 |

Jury List

| | |
|------------------|---------------------|
| JOHN P. MOORE | WILLIAM WHITTEN |
| THEODORE SKOWYRA | JAMES E. McINTYRE |
| PERCY N. MOORE | VALBERT A. BELANGER |
| ANDREW W. GONDEK | WILLIAM L. NEWTON |
| RAYMOND C. RAUCH | |

Treasurer's Report

| | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1952 | \$42,941.91 | |
| Receipts during year | 233,063.43 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$276,005.34 |
| Paid on treasury warrants | \$225,838.24 | |
| Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1952 | 50,167.10 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$276,005.34 |

EUGENIA P. TARBELL

Town Treasurer

Town Clerk's Report

LICENSES ISSUED FOR THE DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND GAME

74 Resident Fishing
 23 Resident Women's Fishing
 6 Resident Minor Fishing
 5 Special Non-Resident Fishing
 1 Non-Resident Fishing
 39 Resident Hunting
 45 Resident Sporting
 6 Resident Sporting (Free)
 2 Resident Military Sporting (Free)
 1 Duplicate

DOGS LICENSED—1952

| | | | |
|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| 120 Male | @ \$2.00 | \$240.00 | |
| 24 Female | @ \$5.00 | \$120.00 | |
| 40 Spayed | @ \$2.00 | \$80.00 | |
| 4 Kennel | @ \$10.00 | \$40.00 | |
| 3 Kennel | @ \$25.00 | \$75.00 | |
| 1 Kennel | @ \$50.00 | \$50.00 | \$605.00 |

| | | |
|------------------------------|--|-------|
| Less Clerk's fees, 192 @ 20¢ | | 38.40 |
|------------------------------|--|-------|

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|------------------------|--|----------|
| Balance paid Treasurer | | \$566.60 |
|------------------------|--|----------|

BIRTHS RECORDED

| DATE | NAME | PARENTS |
|----------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| January | | |
| 12 | Joan Claire Czyzewski | Alphonse and Viola Gauthier |
| 26 | Richard Hatch Phifer | Robert J. and Beverly Hatch |
| February | | |
| 1 | Glen Durwood Barr | Sumner and Dorothy Hickox |
| 21 | Daniel Harrison Wells, 3rd | Daniel H. Jr. and Elizabeth Wallace |
| 28 | Susan Mary Roberts | Eugene I. and Constance Greenwood |
| March | | |
| 4 | Douglas Robert Segrin | Robert and Joyce Ackerman |
| 19 | Albert Woodrow Brown | Albert and Shirley Rose |
| April | | |
| 14 | Irving Henry Tourtellotte | William A. and Ella Rousseau |
| 23 | Charles Ward Miller | Rufus W. and Etha Davis |
| May | | |
| 13 | Thomas Joseph Deveno | Joseph and Bertha Douglas |
| 21 | Louis Leonard Koslowski | Walter L. and Linda Calcagni |
| June | | |
| 13 | Robert Wood Keith | Clarence H. and Barbara Wood |
| 19 | Robert Dennis Martin | Louis and Marie Curran |
| July | | |
| 3 | Carol Louise Morrison | Carl L. and Helen Lincoln |
| 7 | Robert Donald Roberts | George E. and Norma Edwards |
| 12 | Audrey Weston | Perry and Olive L. Dickey |
| 25 | Kimberley Fern Johnson | Gordon and Jane F. Turner |
| 30 | Lorraine Rowena Stanton | Richard and Lorraine Blake |

August

| | | |
|----|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Ralph Ira Stanton, Jr. | Ralph I. and Nancy Coolbroth |
| 25 | Sharon Evelyn Plumley | Ralph M. and Evelyn Adams |

September

| | | |
|----|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 3 | James Craig Whitten | William and Rachel Souliere |
| 11 | Effie May MacGowan | |
| 11 | Laura Louise MacGowan Twins | Donald H. and Esther Beals |

October

| | | |
|----|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 3 | James Alan Hicks | Richard N. and Shirley Ouellette |
| 30 | Martha Jane Thompson | Roy O. and Grace E. Sherman |

November

| | | |
|----|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| 16 | Thomas James Brown | Richard J. and Harriet Tarbell |
|----|--------------------|--------------------------------|

December

| | | |
|----|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2 | Anne Marie Morin | Lionel and Lucy Gauthier |
| 18 | Verne Charles Emerson | Charles S. and Irene Tremblay |

MARRIAGES RECORDED

| Date | Groom | Residence | Bride | Residence |
|----------|---------------------|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| January | | | | |
| 12 | Donald R. Martin | Brimfield | Ethel Hazzard | Southbridge |
| 24 | John M. Simone, Jr. | Springfield | Bernadine Wechgelaer | Elmsford, N. Y. |
| February | | | | |
| 23 | Santo Louis Jacobs | Monson | Joyce E. Hitchcock | Brimfield |
| 29 | Ernest J. Langlais | Chicopee | Amy J. Mather | Chicopee |

11

| Date | Groom | Residence | Bride | Residence |
|-----------|--|-----------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| March | | | | |
| 10 | Donald E. Stearns West | Warren | Kathleen L. Tripp | Brimfield |
| April | | | | |
| 12 | Walter J. Burnham, Jr. Brimfield | | Louise Vivian Myers | Springfield |
| 17 | Edward K. Bashaw Brimfield | | Shirley M. Miller | Brimfield |
| June | | | | |
| 24 | Oskar R. Hauenstein Hammond, Indiana | | Elizabeth Parker Van Norman | Brimfield |
| July | | | | |
| 19 | Richard A. Taylor Charlton | | Dorothy J. Carpenter | Brimfield |
| August | | | | |
| 16 | Leonard R. Boudriault Brimfield | | Jacqueline Levesque | Southbridge |
| September | | | | |
| 6 | Paul M. Comer, 3rd Harrisburg, Penna. | | Virginia Manganiello | Monson |
| 20 | Charles P. Wood Brimfield | | Lillian M. McKissick | Charlton |
| 27 | Robert D. Therrien Charlton | | Grace A. Bennett | Brimfield |
| October | | | | |
| 4 | Donald B. Norton Brimfield | | Lorraine O. Gregoire | Wales |
| 11 | Earl Shisler, Jr. Eureka, Penna. | | Phyllis A. Bagster-Collins | Brimfield |
| 25 | Leonard H. Poirier Brimfield | | Dorothy A. Christiansen | Palmer |

| Date | Groom | Residence | Bride | Residence |
|----------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| November | | | | |
| 27 | William J. Pinkham | | Madeleine Rousseau | Brimfield |
| | | Brimfield | | |
| 27 | Lewis H. Brown | Brimfield | Mary C. Swain | |
| | | | (Three Rivers) | Palmer |
| 29 | John D. Moran | Monson | Helen M. Sullivan | Brimfield |

DEATHS RECORDED

| Date | Name | Years | Months | Days |
|-----------|------------------------|-------|--------|------|
| January | | | | |
| 17 | Emelia Therese Stanton | 27 | — | — |
| 29 | Edward Sheridan | 77 | — | — |
| February | | | | |
| 29 | Ruth Cross St. Clair | 49 | 8 | 4 |
| April | | | | |
| 18 | Louis Harry Martin | 76 | 10 | 31 |
| 18 | Elsa Anderson | 52 | 5 | 7 |
| May | | | | |
| 30 | Omer F. Bonnette | 29 | 7 | 26 |
| June | | | | |
| 6 | George M. Robbins | 43 | 10 | 4 |
| 19 | Clarence K. Hannah | 39 | — | — |
| September | | | | |
| 11 | Effie May MacGowan | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| Date | Name | Years | Months | Days |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|--------|------|
| October | | | | |
| 15 | James N. Wood | 79 | 1 | 10 |
| November | | | | |
| 1 | Mary Ann Faughnan | 2 | — | — |
| 9 | Lionel Janelle | 21 | 0 | 12 |
| 13 | Louise Grayson Howard | 66 | 6 | 20 |
| Burials from Other Places | | | | |
| January | | | | |
| 11 | Grace Logan Rice, Deerfield | 77 | 7 | 8 |
| April | | | | |
| 28 | Ada Thompson, Springfield | 80 | 8 | 24 |
| July | | | | |
| 20 | Frank G. Hitchcock, Springfield | 86 | 0 | 9 |
| December | | | | |
| 7 | Alice Walker Vincent, Southbridge | 83 | 6 | 24 |

Respectfully submitted,

MABEL B. PEIRCE

TOWN CLERK

Report of the Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

General Revenue—Taxes

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Current year | \$55,914.14 |
| Previous years | 7,158.91 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise tax, 1952 | 7,648.16 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise tax, 1951 | 2,131.07 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise tax, 1950 | 37.10 |
| Classified Forest Land tax, 1952 | 1,216.55 |
| Classified Forest Land tax, 1951 | 236.51 |
| Reimb. loss of taxes (State) | 1,249.67 |
| Meals Tax | 521.45 |
| Income Tax | 16,406.42 |
| Corporation Tax | 4,831.80 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$97,351.78 |

Grants and Gifts from State

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Union Superintendent | \$933.33 |
| Dept. of Agriculture | 25.00 |
| Veterans' Services | 90.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,048.33 |

From County, Dog Fund 473.38

Licenses:

| | |
|--------|----------|
| Liquor | 1,850.00 |
| Other | 50.00 |

Federal Grants:

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Old Age Assistance | 8,460.20 |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 1,188.60 |
| Disability Assistance | 120.00 |

Highways

| | | |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| From State | \$13,151.83 | |
| From County | 900.00 | |
| Town Machinery | 9,414.83 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$23,466.66 |

Charities

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Welfare relief from individuals | \$125.00 | |
| Welfare relief from State | 13.20 | |
| Welfare relief from towns | 132.00 | |
| Old Age Asst. from individuals | 794.10 | |
| Old Age Asst. from State | 7,913.41 | |
| Old Age Asst. from other town | 84.62 | |
| Aid to Dep. Children from State | 1,168.86 | |
| Disability Asst. from State | 30.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$10,261.19 |

Schools

| | | |
|------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Tuition, Town of Wales | \$3,731.30 | |
| H. F. A. Instruction Fund | 1,500.00 | |
| Transp. & Tuition from State | 27,435.02 | |
| Sale of supplies | 10.06 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$32,676.38 |
| School Lunch receipts | | 6,778.86 |

Miscellaneous

| | |
|-------------------|----------|
| Rent of town hall | \$961.00 |
|-------------------|----------|

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|--------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Court fines | 145.00 | |
| Library fines | 9.24 | |
| Reimb. digging graves | 65.00 | |
| Reimb. for foundations | 82.00 | |
| Sealer's fees | 23.15 | |
| Reimb. for forest fires | 116.00 | |
| Demands on Poll taxes | 4.70 | |
| Compensation insurance added to fund | 705.73 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2,111.82 |

Interest

| | | |
|----------------------|----------|------------|
| On taxes | \$316.83 | |
| Perpetual Care Funds | 278.44 | |
| Library Trust Funds | 826.88 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,422.15 |

Municipal Indebtedness

| | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Highway reimbursement loan | \$25,725.00 | |
| Revenue loan | 10,000.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$35,725.00 |

Agency and Trust

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Dog Licenses for County | \$566.60 | |
| Withholding tax for Federal Gov't | 7,281.39 | |
| Cemetery Wall Fund | 30.15 | |
| Bequest for Perpetual Care | 125.00 | |
| Bequest for Schools | 1,000.00 | |
| Bequest for Library | 1,000.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$10,003.14 |

Refunds:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------------|
| Overpayments | \$61.19 | |
| O. A. A. recovery | 14.75 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 75.94 |
| Cash on hand beginning of year | | \$42,941.91 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$276,005.34 |

PAYMENTS

General Government

Selectmen

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|-------|
| Salaries, Selectmen | \$750.00 | |
| Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Printing, Postage, etc. | 53.64 | |
| Association Dues | 15.00 | |
| Dog Officer | 51.44 | |
| Filing Fees | 15.00 | |
| Telephone | 67.78 | |
| Lunches for Election Officers | 34.95 | |
| Other | 60.20 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | \$1,058.01 | |
| Balance | 166.99 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$1,210.00 | |

Town Accountant

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------|-------|
| Salary | \$630.00 | |
| Printing, Postage, etc. | 10.00 | |
| Other | 6.57 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | \$646.57 | |

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|---------|------|
| Balance | 3.43 |
|---------|------|

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$650.00 |
|---------------|----------|

Treasurer

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Salary | \$500.00 |
| Clerical assistance | 50.00 |
| Printing, Postage, etc. | 117.64 |
| Surety Bond | 49.50 |
| Insurance | 35.00 |
| Travel expense | 17.55 |
| Other | 23.00 |

\$791.69

| | |
|---------|------|
| Balance | 8.31 |
|---------|------|

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|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$800.00 |
|---------------|----------|

Tax Collector

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Salary | \$549.96 |
| Surety Bond | 66.67 |
| Printing, Postage, etc. | 192.75 |
| Other | 20.88 |

\$830.26

| | |
|---------|-------|
| Balance | 69.74 |
|---------|-------|

\$900.00

Assessors

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Salaries | \$600.00 |
| Clerical assistance | 200.00 |
| Printing, Postage, etc. | 43.50 |
| Repairs to safe | 34.00 |
| Photostats | 48.20 |

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|----------------|------------|
| Travel expense | 66.00 |
| Other | 12.90 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,004.60 |
| Balance | 25.40 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$1,030.00 |

Town Clerk

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Salary | \$200.00 |
| Recording fees | 80.00 |
| Printing, postage, etc. | 62.39 |
| Surety bond | 7.50 |
| Telephone | 20.58 |
| Other | 28.08 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$398.55 |
| Balance | 1.45 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$400.00 |

Election and Registration

| | |
|-------------------|----------|
| Registrars | \$34.40 |
| Election officers | 262.00 |
| Printing | 192.04 |
| Street lists | 110.00 |
| Other | 1.56 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$600.00 |

Certifying Notes

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| Certification | \$6.00 |
| Balance | 4.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$10.00 |

Town Counsel

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Services | \$50.00 |
| Balance | 50.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$100.00 |

Town Hall

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Janitor's salary | \$780.00 | |
| Fuel | 669.83 | |
| Light | 94.24 | |
| Janitor's supplies | 9.00 | |
| Repairs | 107.21 | |
| Gas heater | 249.75 | |
| Sign | 50.00 | |
| Other | 23.90 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$1,983.93 | |
| Balance | 366.07 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Appropriation | \$2,350.00 | |
| Total, General Government | | \$7,369.61 |

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

Police

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Constables' Services | \$103.55 |
| Badges | 13.17 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$116.72 |
| Balance | 33.78 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$150.00 |

Fire Department

| | | |
|------------------------|------------|------------|
| Salary, Chief | | \$50.00 |
| Fire pay rolls | | 478.00 |
| Water holes | | 60.50 |
| Fire permits | | 35.10 |
| Insurance | | 459.46 |
| Rent, repairs, etc. | | 629.70 |
| Equipment and supplies | | 748.37 |
| Telephone | | 133.47 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2,594.60 |
| Balance | | 5.40 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2,600.00 |
| Appropriation | \$2,500.00 | |
| From reserve fund | 100.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$2,600.00 |

Moth Suppression

| | | |
|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Labor | | \$305.00 |
| Transportation | | 23.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$328.00 |
| Balance | | 22.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$350.00 |
| Appropriation | \$300.00 | |
| From reserve fund | 50.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$350.00 |

Tree Warden

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--|---------|
| Salary | | \$25.00 |
| Labor, cutting and trimming | | 38.80 |

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|---------------|----------|
| | \$63.80 |
| Balance | 36.20 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$100.00 |

Sealer of Weights and Measures

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Salary | \$50.00 |
| Transportation | 15.00 |
| Supplies and equipment | 3.15 |

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|---------|---------|
| | \$68.15 |
| Balance | 6.85 |

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|---------------|---------|
| Appropriation | \$75.00 |
|---------------|---------|

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------|
| Total, Protection Persons & Property | | \$3,171.27 |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------|

Health

| | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Inspection of animals | \$50.00 |
| Care of town dump | 21.00 |
| Services of inspector | 5.96 |

| | |
|---------|---------|
| | \$76.96 |
| Balance | 273.04 |

\$350.00

HIGHWAYS

Chapter 81

| | |
|-----------|------------|
| Labor | \$5,960.71 |
| Machinery | 7,022.09 |
| Materials | 6,555.02 |
| Insurance | 307.18 |

\$19,845.00

| | | |
|--------------------|------------|-------------|
| Town appropriation | \$2,520.00 | |
| State allotment | 17,325.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$19,845.00 |

Chapter 90 Construction

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| Labor | | \$1,643.00 |
| Machinery | | 2,853.44 |
| Materials | | 2,400.36 |
| Insurance | | 81.11 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$6,977.91 |
| Balance carried to 1953 | | 2,131.05 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$9,108.96 |
| Town appropriation | \$2,000.00 | |
| State allotment | 4,000.00 | |
| County allotment | 2,000.00 | |
| 1951 balance | 1,108.96 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$9,108.96 |

Chapter 90 Maintenance

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| Labor | | \$232.75 |
| Machinery | | 511.35 |
| Materials | | 1,343.76 |
| Insurance | | 12.14 |
| Painting King Bridge | | 1,046.50 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$3,146.50 |
| Balance carried to 1953 | | 453.50 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$3,600.00 |
| Town appropriation | \$1,200.00 | |
| State allotment | 1,200.00 | |

| | | |
|------------------|----------|------------|
| County allotment | 1,200.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$3,600.00 |

General Highway

| | | |
|---------------|--|------------|
| Labor | | \$2,467.67 |
| Machinery | | 1,717.90 |
| Materials | | 884.74 |
| Insurance | | 96.13 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$5,166.44 |
| Balance | | 333.56 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | | \$5,500.00 |

Street Lighting

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Worc. County Electric Co. | | \$1,251.16 |
| Balance | | 48.84 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,300.00 |
| Appropriation | \$1,150.00 | |
| From reserve fund | 150.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$1,300.00 |

Machinery Account

| | | |
|----------------------------|--|------------|
| Labor | | \$301.79 |
| Insurance | | 432.83 |
| Gas & Oil | | 1,497.19 |
| Supplies, rent and repairs | | 3,389.24 |
| Telephone | | 73.28 |
| Pick-up Truck | | 1,384.90 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$7,079.23 |

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Balance to 1953 | 5,309.21 | |
| Appropriation from fund | <u>\$12,388.44</u> | |
| Total, Highways | | \$43,466.24 |

Charities

| | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Salaries, welfare Board | \$141.67 | |
| Medicine & Medical care | 154.95 | |
| Groceries & fuel | 30.00 | |
| Board and care | 623.89 | |
| Cash grant | 30.00 | |
| Burial expense | 160.00 | |
| Relief by other town | 242.05 | |
| | <u>\$1,382.56</u> | |
| Balance | 617.44 | |
| | <u>\$2,000.00</u> | |
| Appropriation | | |

Old Age Assistance

| | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Federal grants, 1952 | \$7,010.68 | |
| Town appropriation | 11,500.00 | |
| Recovery | 14.75 | |
| Balance from 1951 Federal grants | 1,876.40 | |
| | <u>\$20,401.83</u> | |
| Cash grants | \$19,695.15 | |
| By other towns | 500.02 | |
| | <u>20,195.17</u> | |
| Balance in town appropriation | | \$206.66 |
| Aid to Dependent Children | | |
| 1951 balance in Federal funds | \$172.22 | |
| Federal Grants 1952 | 1,085.88 | |

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|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Town appropriation | 2,000.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Cash grants | \$2,545.86 | \$3,258.10 |
| Balance in Federal funds | 66.03 | |
| Balance in town appropriation | 646.21 | |
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| | | \$3,258.10 |

Old Age Assistance, Administration

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|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 1951 balance in Federal funds | \$154.30 | |
| 1952 Federal grants | 363.49 | |
| Town appropriation | 950.00 | |
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| | | \$1,467.79 |
| Salaries and services | \$1,036.66 | |
| Balance in Federal funds | 75.98 | |
| Balance in town appropriation | 355.15 | |
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| | | \$1,467.79 |

Aid to Dependent Children, Administration

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| 1951 Balance in Federal grants | \$58.01 | |
| 1952 Federal grants | 32.87 | |
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| Balance carried to 1953 | \$90.88 | |

Military Service Assessment

| | | |
|---------------------|----------|----------|
| Raised by assessors | \$657.40 | |
| From reserve fund | 15.00 | |
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| Expended | | \$672.40 |

Disability Assistance

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| Cash grants | \$343.20 | |
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| Balance | 656.80 |
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| Town appropriation | \$1,000.00 |
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Disability Assistance

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| Federal Grant | \$120.00 |
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| Cash grant | 27.60 |
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| Balance carried to 1953 | \$92.40 |
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| Total Charities | \$26,203.45 |
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Schools

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|------------------------|------------|
| General Administration | \$3,054.90 |
|------------------------|------------|

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|--------------------|-----------|
| Teachers' salaries | 36,667.00 |
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|-------------------------|----------|
| Text books and supplies | 3,836.22 |
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|-----------------|----------|
| Janitor service | 3,200.08 |
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|----------------|----------|
| Fuel and light | 3,082.96 |
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|---------|--------|
| Repairs | 766.47 |
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| Health | 385.00 |
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| Transportation | 15,098.74 |
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| Janitor's supplies | 490.97 |
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| New equipment | 868.86 |
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| Compensation insurance | 176.85 |
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| Graduation expense | 66.00 |
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| All other | 256.28 |
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| | \$67,950.33 |
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| Balance | 1,078.67 |
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| Appropriation | \$69,029.00 |
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Trade School Tuition and Transportation

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Tuition paid Springfield | \$136.34 |
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| Tuition paid Southbridge | 455.76 |
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| Transportation | 343.00 | |
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| | \$935.10 | |
| Balance | 164.90 | |
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| Appropriation | | \$1,100.00 |

Schoolhouse Addition

| | | |
|--------------------|-------------|--|
| Architect's fee | \$400.00 | |
| A/c of contracts | 9,031.59 | |
| Equipment | 529.50 | |
| Miscellaneous | 23.18 | |
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| | \$9,984.27 | |
| Balance unexpended | 2,288.08 | |
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| Balance from 1951 | \$12,272.35 | |

School Lunch Program

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|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| Receipts from lunches | \$5,000.78 | |
| From State | 1,778.08 | |
| 1951 balance | 284.05 | |
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| | | \$7,062.91 |
| Labor | \$2,129.25 | |
| Groceries & provisions | 4,219.68 | |
| Other | 258.41 | |
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| | \$6,607.34 | |
| Balance carried to 1953 | 455.57 | |
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| | | \$7,062.91 |

Library

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|-------------------|----------|
| Salary, Librarian | \$615.00 |
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| Assistant | 20.00 |
| Assistant at East Brimfield | 26.00 |
| Janitor | 190.00 |
| Books | 295.09 |
| Periodicals | 50.85 |
| Fuel | 230.89 |
| Light | 38.00 |
| Insurance | 108.59 |
| Repairs | 586.00 |
| P. O. Box rent | .90 |

\$2,161.32

Balance 185.13

\$2,346.45

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|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Town appropriation | \$1,000.00 |
| Dog Fund | 473.38 |
| Income from funds | 166.04 |
| Lincoln building fund (for repairs) | 660.84 |
| Overpayment, refunded | 46.19 |

\$2,346.45

Common

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Labor and supplies | \$182.76 |
| Balance | 17.24 |

Appropriation \$200.00

Memorial Day

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| Music | \$18.96 |
| Plants | 61.25 |
| Flags | 37.17 |
| Other | 7.62 |

Appropriation \$125.00

Property Insurance

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| Premiums paid | \$452.01 |
| Balance | 122.99 |
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| Appropriation | \$575.00 |

Compensation Insurance

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| Premium paid | \$757.68 |
| Carried to 1953 | 2.32 |
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| Appropriation | \$760.00 |

Aid to Agriculture

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|---------------|---------|
| Appropriation | \$75.00 |
| Expended | 75.00 |

Retirement Fund

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|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$307.04 |
| Expended | 307.04 |

Water Pipe, Wales Road

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|---------------------|------------|
| Pipe and fittings | \$2,151.06 |
| Labor and machinery | 803.66 |

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| | \$2,954.72 |
| Unexpended balance | 1,351.23 |
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| Balance from 1951 | \$4,305.95 |

Civilian Defense

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|-------------------|----------|
| Balance from 1951 | \$100.00 |
| Expended | 24.70 |

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| Balance carried to 1953 | \$75.30 |
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| Regional District School Committee | |
| Balance from 1951 | \$150.00 |

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| From reserve fund | 225.00 | |
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| | | \$375.00 |
| Expended | \$364.89 | |
| Balance carried to 1953 | 10.11 | |
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| | | \$375.00 |

Town Reports

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|--------------------|----------|
| Printing | \$452.40 |
| Postage | 17.66 |
| Typing and mailing | 20.00 |
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| | \$490.06 |
| Balance | 9.94 |
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| Appropriation | \$500.00 |

Interest

| | | |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| On highway loan | \$213.33 | |
| On tractor loan | 24.78 | |
| On schoolhouse bonds | 1,055.00 | |
| On revenue loan | 55.83 | |
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| | \$1,348.94 | |
| Balance | 1.06 | |
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| | | \$1,350.00 |
| Appropriation | \$1,300.00 | |
| From reserve fund | 50.00 | |
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| | | \$1,350.00 |

Cemetery

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|-----------|----------|
| Labor | \$726.63 |
| Insurance | 16.08 |

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| Other | 75.23 | |
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| | \$817.94 | |
| Balance | 62.21 | |
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| | | \$880.15 |
| Appropriation | \$750.00 | |
| From reserve fund | 100.00 | |
| From cemetery wall fund | 30.15 | |
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| | | \$880.15 |

Indebtedness

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Revenue loan | \$10,000.00 | |
| Highway loan | 17,325.00 | |
| Schoolhouse bonds | 8,000.00 | |
| Tractor loan | 1,000.00 | |
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| | | \$36,325.00 |

Agency and Trust

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|-------------|
| State tax | \$306.80 | |
| County tax | 2,453.10 | |
| Dog licenses for County | 566.60 | |
| Perpetual care funds | 278.74 | |
| Withholding tax | 7,281.39 | |
| County Hospital assessment | 138.42 | |
| Trust funds deposited | 2,125.00 | |
| Edgar Brown playground fund | 67.21 | |
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| | | \$13,217.26 |

Refunds:

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|----------------------|----------|
| Motor Vehicle excise | \$338.20 |
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| Property & poll taxes | 131.15 | |
| | <hr/> | \$469.35 |
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| | | \$225,838.24 |
| Cash on hand end of year | | 50,167.10 |
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| | | \$276,005.34 |

FRANK S. GIFFORD,

Town Accountant

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1952

| Assets | | Liabilities | |
|--|-------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1952 | \$50,167.10 | Overlay, levy of 1951 | \$687.95 |
| Taxes, levy of 1952 | 8,817.82 | Overlay, levy of 1950 | 1.15 |
| Taxes, levy of 1951 | 1,655.88 | Overlay surplus | 5,049.05 |
| Classified forest land tax 1952 | 331.55 | Revenue reserved until collected: | |
| Classified forest land tax 1951 | 52.84 | Class. forest | \$ 385.54 |
| Classified forest land tax 1950 | 1.15 | land tax | 2,923.11 |
| Motor vehicle excise tax 1952 | 2,701.31 | M. V. Excise tax | 724.28 |
| Motor vehicle excise tax 1951 | 221.80 | Tax title revenue | <hr/> |
| Tax titles held by town | 188.67 | | 4,032.93 |
| Tax possessions | 535.61 | | 359.71 |
| Due from State a/c highways | 18,518.17 | Road machinery fund | 626.53 |
| Due from County a/c highways | 5,200.00 | Compensation insurance fund | 794.10 |
| Overlay 1952, deficit | 297.61 | Old Age Asst. recovery account | |
| Cemetery perpetual care account, deficit | .30 | Account balances | |
| State tax, under-estimate | 49.77 | carried to 1953: | |
| | | Federal grant O.A.A. | \$1,010.89 |
| | | Federal grant A.D.C. | 156.91 |
| | | School lunch program | 455.57 |
| | | Regional school com. | 10.11 |
| | | Civilian defense | 75.30 |
| | | Fed. grant disab. assist. | 92.40 |

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| Chapter 90 maintenance | 453.50 | |
| Machinery account | 5,309.21 | |
| Chapter 90 Constr. | 2,131.29 | |
| Sale cemetery lots fund | 10.00 | |
| Compensation insurance | 2.32 | |
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| County tax over-estimate | | 9,697.50 |
| Highway reimbursement loan | | 50.95 |
| Surplus revenue | | 25,725.00 |
| | | 41,704.71 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$88,739.58 |

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TRUST FUNDS

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Trust and Investment Funds: | | |
| Cash on deposit | \$38,631.29 | |
| | | |
| Harriet Harding, Charity | | \$2,815.32 |
| Burns Family, School | | 1,005.00 |
| Harriet Allen, School | | 745.64 |
| Cemetery Gate Fund | | 36.46 |
| Cemetery Wall Fund | | 405.86 |
| Pearsall Monument Fund | | 216.61 |
| Perpetual Care Funds | | 21,418.74 |
| Library Funds: | | |
| Mary K. Hyde | \$ | 831.50 |
| U. J. Shaw | | 2,489.09 |
| E. C. Flynt | | 103.52 |

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| Julia E. Coy | 645.04 | |
| A. G. Tarbell | 200.00 | |
| Elizabeth B. Robinson | 411.41 | |
| Fitzhenry Warren | 1,000.00 | |
| Emily Woods | 500.00 | |
| Chamberlain-Smith | 683.49 | |
| Jas. Lincoln | 4,123.61 | |
| Burns Family | 1,000.00 | |
| | <u>11,987.66</u> | |
| | | <u>\$38,631.29</u> |

OUTSTANDING DEBT

| | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Outstanding Dec. 31, 1952: | | |
| Old schoolhouse loan | \$ 9,000.00 | Net bonded debt |
| New schoolhouse loan | 50,000.00 | |
| Tractor loan | 1,978.00 | |
| | <u>\$60,978.00</u> | |
| | | <u>\$60,978.00</u> |

Tax Collector's Report

1952

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|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Commitments as per warrants | \$66,056.17 |
| Abatements, refunded | 116.00 |

\$66,172.17

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|-------------------|-------------|
| Cash to treasurer | \$55,914.14 |
| Abatements | 1,440.21 |

57,354.35

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| Outstanding December 31, 1952 | \$8,817.82 |
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1951

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|-----------------------------|------------|
| Outstanding January 1, 1952 | \$7,814.84 |
| Abatements, refunded | 13.15 |
| Overpayment to treasurer | 2.00 |
| Audit adjustment | 26.13 |

\$7,856.12

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|-------------------|------------|
| Cash to treasurer | \$6,113.04 |
| Abatements | 87.20 |

6,200.24

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|-------------------------------|------------|
| Outstanding December 31, 1952 | \$1,655.88 |
|-------------------------------|------------|

1950

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|-----------------------------|------------|
| Outstanding January 1, 1952 | \$1,111.80 |
| Audit adjustment | .07 |

\$1,111.87

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|-------------------|------------|------------|
| Cash to treasurer | \$1,062.65 | |
| Abatements | 7.82 | |
| To tax titles | 41.40 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,111.87 |

Classified Forest Land Tax, 1952

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| Commitment as per warrant | \$1,548.10 |
| Cash to treasurer | 1,216.55 |

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| Outstanding December 31, 1952 | \$ 331.55 |
| Classified Forest Land Tax, 1951 | |
| Outstanding January 1, 1952 | \$265.73 |
| Audit adjustment | 16.78 |

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| | <hr/> | \$282.51 |
| Cash to treasurer | | 229.67 |

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| Outstanding December 31, 1952 | \$52.84 |
| Classified Forest Land Tax, 1950 | |
| Outstanding January 1, 1952 | \$34.12 |
| Cash to treasurer | 32.97 |

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| Outstanding December 31, 1952 | <hr/> | \$1.15 |
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Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1952

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| Commitments as per warrants | \$10,349.44 |
| Abatements, refunded | 122.24 |

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| | <hr/> | \$10,471.68 |
| Cash to treasurer | \$7,648.16 | |
| Abatements | 122.41 | |
| | <hr/> | 7,770.57 |

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| Outstanding, December 31, 1952 | <hr/> | \$2,701.31 |
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Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1951

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| Outstanding January 1, 1952 | | 1,838.04 |
| Commitment February 1, 1952 | | 521.39 |
| Abatement, refunded | | 215.76 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2,575.19 |
| Cash to treasurer | \$2,131.07 | |
| Abatements | 222.32 | |
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| | | 2,353.39 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Outstanding December 31, 1952 | | \$221.80 |

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1950

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| Outstanding, January 1, 1952 | | \$58.38 |
| Cash to treasurer | \$37.10 | |
| Abatement | 21.28 | |
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| | | \$58.38 |

HARRIET T. BROWN

Collector of Taxes

Memorial Day Committee

The Memorial Day Committee express appreciation for the cooperation of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary also for the teachers and pupils who participated in the program. Hatch's Village Store furnished free ice cream.

GEORGE HITCHCOCK

PERCY MOORE

RAYMOND LEMMELIN

EVERETT LANDEN

MARGARET GILMAN

GLADYS WEBBER

Cemetery Commissioners' Report

To the Citizens of Brimfield:

Maintenance of the Cemeteries of Brimfield was carried on during 1952 without undue expense. Despite the dry summer weather, the grass cover did not suffer abnormally. The program of winter fertilization was again carried out and this process is doing much to insure better and deeper turf. Grave depressions were re-leveled as needed. This item is a normal and recurring condition.

During the year, ten graves were opened, seven of these were resident burials and three non-resident. The sum of \$147.00 was paid to the Treasurer to cover these non-resident openings and other charges.

The old truck was made to operate for limited service but some provision must be made soon for a replacement.

While there are several matters requiring unusual and non-recurring expense which will have to be met in the next few years, we believe a normal maintenance appropriation of \$750.00 will be adequate for 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

CHENEY F. NEWTON

GEORGE E. HITCHCOCK

EVERETT D. LANDEN

Commissioners

AMOUNTS EXPENDED FOR GENERAL
CARE OF CEMETERY

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| George Hitchcock | \$294.09 | |
| Kenneth Brown | 110.28 | |
| Howard Brown | 44.28 | |
| Gordon Brown | 10.73 | |
| Louis E. Martin | 21.45 | |
| Arthur Dionne | 165.83 | |
| Joseph Travers | 2.75 | |
| Arthur Moreau | 85.81 | |
| Arthur Brown | 3.00 | |
| Brimfield Garage | 20.89 | |
| F. Place | 1.53 | |
| C. F. Newton | 4.50 | |
| Weidenmiller & Magovern | 30.10 | |
| R. E. Souliere | 6.62 | |
| Haley's Grain Store | 1.20 | |
| Compensation insurance | 14.88 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$817.94 |

AMOUNTS EXPENDED FROM PERPETUAL
CARE FUNDS

| | | |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| George Hitchcock | \$106.50 | |
| Arthur Moreau | 57.76 | |
| Kenneth Brown | 30.25 | |
| Arthur Dionne | 77.28 | |
| Gordon Brown | 5.85 | |
| Howard Brown | 1.10 | |
| | <hr/> | \$278.74 |

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

| | Amount of | Balance |
|--------------------|-----------|---------------|
| | Fund | Dec. 31, 1952 |
| Henry Adams | \$50.00 | \$55.20 |
| Jennie Agard | 500.00 | 606.59 |
| Stephen Agard | 100.00 | 122.00 |
| Sullivan Alexander | 100.00 | 123.29 |
| Charles S. Allen | 100.00 | 108.04 |
| George Allen | 100.00 | 190.99 |
| Elijah Allen | 100.00 | 112.15 |
| Massena B. Allen | 100.00 | 110.17 |
| George Bacon | 100.00 | 140.54 |
| Calvin Baker | 100.00 | 112.38 |
| Jonathan Bixby | 100.00 | 107.57 |
| Frances Bliss | 200.00 | 275.57 |
| Louis Blodgett | 100.00 | 104.45 |
| F. H. Boardman | 100.00 | 106.52 |
| Sanford Booth | 100.00 | 110.49 |
| Ashael Bennett | 500.00 | 599.38 |
| Herbert Bradway | 100.00 | 113.17 |
| Charles O. Brown | 100.00 | 117.83 |
| Harriet Brown | 100.00 | 147.54 |
| Albert R. Brown | 200.00 | 222.21 |
| F. Edgar Brown | 165.34 | 183.66 |
| Harrison H. Brown | 100.00 | 110.26 |
| W. Johnson Brown | 100.00 | 110.69 |
| Arthur Brown | 100.00 | 120.81 |
| Dauphin Brown | 100.00 | 109.38 |
| Jonathan Brown | 100.00 | 133.48 |
| Harold Butterfield | 100.00 | 106.55 |

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| James Buxton | 100.00 | 144.03 |
| Darius & Abraham Charles | 300.00 | 332.31 |
| Frederic A. Charles | 200.00 | 236.19 |
| John Charles | 50.00 | 54.11 |
| Jonathan Charles | 50.00 | 54.11 |
| Aaron Charles | 50.00 | 54.11 |
| Abraham & Nathaniel Charles | 50.00 | 54.11 |
| Thomas & Thena Charles | 50.00 | 54.11 |
| Harriet Chamberlain | 200.00 | 229.70 |
| Chamberlain & Dyer | 200.00 | 225.50 |
| Charles & Bacon | 100.00 | 105.93 |
| Alfred Converse | 100.00 | 108.06 |
| Marcus Converse | 100.00 | 111.44 |
| Frank H. Cook | 100.00 | 123.13 |
| Miner Corbin | 100.00 | 110.97 |
| J. Ellen Coy | 100.00 | 146.57 |
| Seth Dunham | 100.00 | 130.01 |
| Charles S. Davis | 100.00 | 111.42 |
| Annie Emmons | 1,000.00 | 1,136.45 |
| Anna T. Emmons | 100.00 | 109.78 |
| Levi Fairbanks | 100.00 | 131.55 |
| Fred M. Fenton | 200.00 | 221.16 |
| Ferry & Robinson | 100.00 | 134.80 |
| Ferry & Dix | 50.00 | 54.04 |
| John Foster | 100.00 | 162.10 |
| Etta Fiske | 100.00 | 134.18 |
| M. W. French | 200.00 | 242.21 |
| George A. Furness | 75.00 | 81.45 |
| Nathan Goodell | 52.00 | 55.49 |
| Mary L. Gould | 300.00 | 329.65 |
| William H. Green | 200.00 | 223.83 |
| Lyman Griggs | 100.00 | 111.91 |
| Troylis G. Grimes | 100.00 | 108.11 |
| Thomas Harwood | 100.00 | 107.09 |
| Alfred Hitchcock | 100.00 | 130.72 |
| David Hitchcock | 100.00 | 125.74 |
| Edward Hitchcock | 75.00 | 80.67 |

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| Frank Hitchcock | 100.00 | 105.35 |
| Orson Holdridge | 50.00 | 55.66 |
| Linus Homer | 100.00 | 178.46 |
| George Homer | 50.00 | 52.86 |
| Newton Hubbard | 100.00 | 117.19 |
| Mary K. Hyde | 200.00 | 301.09 |
| Albion Janes | 100.00 | 129.90 |
| Edwin Janes | 100.00 | 128.12 |
| David W. Janes | 200.00 | 236.56 |
| H. E. & C. R. Janes | 100.00 | 109.39 |
| William Janes | 100.00 | 105.97 |
| William S. Janes | 100.00 | 105.97 |
| Austin Jennison | 50.00 | 55.29 |
| Orsamus Kenfield | 100.00 | 121.10 |
| Asa Lawrence | 50.00 | 55.16 |
| Nellie A. Lewis | 300.00 | 330.76 |
| Helen Lindblad | 125.00 | 125.63 |
| James & Asa Lincoln | 500.00 | 613.82 |
| Frank A. Lombard | 100.00 | 108.68 |
| Charles E. Lombard | 100.00 | 127.83 |
| Charles O. Lombard | 100.00 | 122.75 |
| Elijah Lumbard | 100.00 | 169.96 |
| Lemuel Lumbard | 100.00 | 128.24 |
| Albert Lumb | 100.00 | 104.87 |
| Nathan Lyman | 75.00 | 81.39 |
| Joseph Marcy | 75.00 | 85.20 |
| Edward P. Marriott | 100.00 | 109.51 |
| Charles Merritt | 200.00 | 211.18 |
| Charles H. Moore | 100.00 | 108.56 |
| Jason Morse | 100.00 | 149.08 |
| Albigence Newell | 100.00 | 117.25 |
| Abner Nichols | 100.00 | 112.56 |
| Emily Noyes | 100.00 | 126.62 |
| John Noyes | 100.00 | 110.61 |
| Cheney Newton | 100.00 | 123.25 |
| Arthur Palmer | 100.00 | 104.20 |
| Fred & Orra Parker | 100.00 | 104.87 |

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|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Melissa Parker | 200.00 | 275.77 |
| Porter Parker | 200.00 | 261.47 |
| Sumner Parker | 100.00 | 106.42 |
| Etta Pierce | 100.00 | 163.00 |
| Pierce & Dunsmore | 200.00 | 229.87 |
| Albert Pierson | 100.00 | 106.06 |
| Norman Powers | 75.00 | 80.89 |
| George Puffer | 100.00 | 113.85 |
| Augusta Rice | 100.00 | 128.12 |
| F. H. Robertson | 75.00 | 79.74 |
| Ursula J. Shaw | 200.00 | 246.25 |
| Elijah T. Sherman | 200.00 | 219.79 |
| Bezeleal Sherman | 100.00 | 114.37 |
| John Sherman | 100.00 | 104.85 |
| Harold & Orida Smith | 100.00 | 105.56 |
| E. A. Stebbins | 100.00 | 105.06 |
| Joseph E. Stegner | 100.00 | 106.05 |
| Fannie Gates Smith | 50.00 | 54.49 |
| Everts Tarbell | 200.00 | 247.02 |
| Rebecca Stoddard | 100.00 | 172.96 |
| Constance Thompson | 100.00 | 105.35 |
| John Tunison | 100.00 | 112.71 |
| Joseph Vaill | 100.00 | 120.89 |
| Charles C. Warren | 100.00 | 126.62 |
| Lily Warren | 200.00 | 253.00 |
| Fred M. Webber | 100.00 | 127.29 |
| Jane Webber | 100.00 | 108.07 |
| Jonathan Webber | 100.00 | 134.01 |
| Lilla & Charles Webber | 100.00 | 112.14 |
| Mary Wheeler | 50.00 | 54.42 |
| Emily Wilkinson | 600.00 | 700.05 |
| Wight & Foskett | 100.00 | 118.85 |
| Lowell Wilcox | 100.00 | 110.11 |
| Thomas Williams | 200.00 | 235.45 |
| Joseph L. Woods | 100.00 | 106.32 |
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| | \$17,967.34 | \$21,418.74 |

Highways

AMOUNTS EXPENDED UNDER CHAPTER 81

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| George B. Sherman | \$1,446.30 |
| Harold Hitchcock | 346.54 |
| Frank Dickinson, Jr. | 268.02 |
| D. H. Wells, Jr. | 149.60 |
| Richard Hicks | 818.70 |
| Charles Sherman | 469.70 |
| Ralph Stanton | 884.90 |
| Robert Cutler | 207.35 |
| Basil Dmuchovsky | 570.90 |
| Alfred Houle | 187.00 |
| P. J. McIntyre | 3.30 |
| Cedric Burnham | 210.05 |
| Lyman Stanton | 107.80 |
| Paul Therrien | 56.10 |
| Howard Brown | 8.80 |
| Norman Wesson | 26.40 |
| Gordon Brown | 52.80 |
| Richard Worthington | 53.35 |
| Joseph VanHook | 3.85 |
| Hermidas Normandin | 53.35 |
| Robert Piazzo | 5.50 |
| Milton Sherman | 17.60 |
| Raymond Clarke | 19.80 |
| Barrett Division | 5,011.61 |
| N. E. Metal Culvert Co. | 640.60 |
| Hatch's Village Store | 115.44 |
| Haley Grain Store | 1.10 |
| Town of Holland | 33.60 |

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| Town of East Brookfield | 13.65 |
| Lane Construction Co. | 30.00 |
| Universal Fence Co. | 136.53 |
| Southeastern Construction Co. | 41.47 |
| Wm. Jurczyk, Inc. | 30.53 |
| Chas. Hebert | 386.75 |
| Town of Brookfield | 15.60 |
| Blake Bros. | 646.25 |
| Leonard Poirier | 447.00 |
| David Brown | 1,014.00 |
| Edward N. Christianson | 53.45 |
| Ralph Stanton | 9.00 |
| Charles Chaffee | 15.00 |
| Charles Wood | 42.00 |
| George Watson | 52.65 |
| Roger Mathieu | 149.10 |
| Arthur Gilman | 79.50 |
| Louis Gagliardi | 190.99 |
| Ernest Roberts | 22.05 |
| Compensation insurance | 307.18 |
| Town machinery | 4,392.24 |
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| | \$19,845.00 |

Amounts expended under Chapter 90—Construction

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|----------------------|----------|
| George B. Sherman | \$378.70 |
| Harold Hitchcock | 124.70 |
| Frank Dickinson, Jr. | 96.13 |
| Ralph Stanton | 290.87 |
| Cedric Burnham | 83.05 |
| D. H. Wells, Jr. | 23.65 |
| Alfred Houle | 281.60 |
| Charles Hitchcock | 9.90 |
| Kenneth Brown | 9.90 |
| Raymond Clarke | 149.60 |
| Charles Sherman | 17.30 |

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| Ernest Demers | 17.60 |
| Arthur Pascale | 80.00 |
| Renaldo Pascale | 80.00 |
| N. E. Metal Culvert Co. | 1,575.53 |
| A. Boilard Sons | 29.90 |
| Southeastern Construction Co. | 248.82 |
| Camosse Bros. | 85.00 |
| Edw. N. Christianson | 89.25 |
| T. Aliengena | 10.00 |
| Worcester Foundry Co. | 256.41 |
| Haley's Grain Store | 72.25 |
| Hatch's Village Store | 3.20 |
| W. W. Jurczyk | 9.50 |
| Wrona Bros. | 301.60 |
| Harold Hitchcock | 21.00 |
| David Brown | 525.00 |
| Ernest Roberts | 93.90 |
| Louis Gagliardi | 30.00 |
| Compensation insurance | 81.11 |
| Town machinery | 1,902.44 |
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| | \$6,977.91 |

Amounts expended under Chapter 90—Maintenance

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| George B. Sherman | \$43.50 |
| Richard Hicks | 33.00 |
| Ralph Stanton | 33.00 |
| Basil Dmuchovsky | 20.90 |
| Charles Sherman | 20.90 |
| Hermidas Normandin | 25.30 |
| Richard Worthington | 25.30 |
| Robert Piazza | 16.50 |
| Alfred Houle | 12.10 |
| Hester Sherman | 2.25 |
| Barrett Division | 1,301.01 |
| Clark Contracting Co. | 1,046.50 |

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| Town of East Brookfield | 12.35 | |
| David Brown | 209.00 | |
| Blake Bros. | 175.75 | |
| Charles Hebert | 80.75 | |
| Louis Gagliardi | 42.75 | |
| Compensation insurance | 12.14 | |
| Town machinery | 33.50 | |
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| | | \$3,146.50 |

AMOUNTS EXPENDED FROM GENERAL

HIGHWAY

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|----------------------|----------|
| George B. Sherman | \$257.95 |
| Harold Hitchcock | 392.67 |
| Frank Dickinson, Jr. | 279.25 |
| D. H. Wells, Jr. | 244.75 |
| Ralph Stanton | 205.70 |
| Cedric Burnham | 173.80 |
| Charles Day | 45.10 |
| Alfred Houle | 112.20 |
| Munroe Tarbell | 7.70 |
| Norman Wesson | 8.80 |
| Robert Cutler | 19.80 |
| Charles Hitchcock | 69.85 |
| Lyman Stanton | 183.15 |
| Kenneth Brown | 105.05 |
| Howard Brown | 72.05 |
| George Robbins | 90.75 |
| Basil Dmuchovsky | 26.40 |
| John Sherman | 41.80 |
| Henry Robbins | 20.90 |
| Leslie Dewey | 7.70 |
| Orville Pratt | 7.70 |
| Charles Sherman | 29.70 |
| Richard Hicks | 26.40 |

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| Paul Therrien | 59.40 |
| Roland Horton | 7.70 |
| Raymond Clarke | 22.00 |
| International Salt Co. | 200.12 |
| Hatch's Village Store | 41.22 |
| Haley's Grain Store | 5.75 |
| Faulkner Hardware Co. | 31.65 |
| N. D. Fountain | 192.00 |
| Dept. Public Works | 4.40 |
| Valley Garage | 21.00 |
| Central Construction Co. | 302.40 |
| Waldo Healy | 10.00 |
| Harold Hitchcock | 48.50 |
| Louis Gagliardi | 30.00 |
| Compensation insurance | 96.13 |
| Town machinery | 1,665.00 |
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| | \$5,166.44 |

AMOUNTS EXPENDED FROM MACHINERY ACCOUNT

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|--------------------------|----------|
| George B. Sherman | \$130.50 |
| Harold Hitchcock | 50.02 |
| Frank Dickinson, Jr. | 32.62 |
| Cedric Burnham | 7.15 |
| D. H. Wells, Jr. | 9.45 |
| Ralph Stanton | 50.05 |
| Richard Hicks | 8.80 |
| Alfred Houle | 8.80 |
| Raymond Clarke | 4.40 |
| Monson Repair Shop | 19.75 |
| Brimfield Garage | 964.68 |
| Valley Garage | 582.88 |
| Jones Petroleum Products | 646.41 |
| Zabek Motor Sales | 130.04 |
| Mair's Tire Sales | 19.60 |

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| Gulf Oil Corp. | 34.35 |
| Eastern Equipment Sales | 102.15 |
| Gilman's Filling Station | 29.09 |
| R. E. Ryan | 15.00 |
| Carey's Machine Shop | 4.25 |
| C. H. Knight, Inc. | 1,384.90 |
| Palmer Auto Parts | 7.20 |
| N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. | 73.28 |
| Socony-Vacuum Oil Co. | 816.43 |
| Tyler Equipment Corp. | 765.87 |
| William D. Spooner | 432.83 |
| Brighton Steel Co. | 402.86 |
| Walsh Holyoke Boiler Works | 196.20 |
| Supernor Express Co. | 35.00 |
| Hitchcock Free Academy | 100.00 |
| Compensation insurance | 8.37 |
| Town machinery | 6.30 |

\$7,079.23

Report of

The Board of Public Welfare and Bureau of Old Age Assistance

Aid was granted according to budgetary standards to 24 old age assistance cases; 1 aid to dependent children case; 3 general relief cases and one in the new category "Disability Assistance". As of December 31, 1952, we have no general relief cases. Of the three aided during the year, two were temporary and one was state reimbursed; One disability assistance case and one that is pending; 24 old age assistance cases and one aid to dependent children.

We have been notified of the cancellation of our temporary welfare worker's appointment and are selecting from the Civil Service list a qualified Civil Service worker, required to administer the program, so the town can or may receive the reimbursements for administration. The new worker will be in the town hall to receive any new applications for aid or to answer any questions of present recipients or to give them any necessary assistance, every Wednesday from 1 to 5 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

LLEWELLYN B. NORTON

NANCY E. COX

ERNEST J. COLLETTE

Report of Assessors

| | |
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| Town appropriations raised by taxation | \$117,978.15 |
| Appropriated from available funds | 23,558.85 |
| State Parks | 171.57 |
| State audit | 85.46 |
| County tax | 2,469.03 |
| Tuberculosis hospital assessment | 234.92 |
| Overlay | 1,142.60 |
| Vet's Service Dist. assessment | 657.40 |
| Retirement fund | 307.04 |
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| | \$145,605.02 |
| Available funds and estimated receipts | 79,552.85 |
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| Net amount to be raised by taxation | \$66,052.17 |
| 399 polls @ \$2.00 | 798.00 |
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| Tax assessed on property | \$65,254.17 |
| Valuation of personal property | \$198,240.00 |
| Valuation of real estate | 946,570.00 |
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| Total valuation | \$1,144,810.00 |
| Tax rate \$57.00 per \$1,000. | |
| Tax assessed on motor vehicles | \$10,659.40 |

EDWARD J. KILLIAN

JOHN M. HALEY

JOHN P. MOORE

Board of Assessors.

BUDGET FOR 1953

| | Expended 1952 | Recom. by Finance Com. for 1953 |
|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Selectmen | \$1,058.01 | \$1,100.00 |
| Accountant | 646.57 | 700.00 |
| Treasurer | 791.69 | 800.00 |
| Collector | 830.26 | 850.00 |
| Assessors | 1,004.60 | 1,000.00 |
| Election & Registration | 600.00 | 300.00 |
| Certifying Notes | 6.00 | 10.00 |
| Town Clerk | 398.55 | 500.00 |
| Moderator | | 50.00 |
| Town Hall | 1,983.93 | 2,800.00 |
| Town Counsel | 50.00 | 100.00 |
| Police | 116.72 | 150.00 |
| Fire Department | 2,594.60 | 2,500.00 |
| Sealer | 68.15 | 75.00 |
| Moth Suppression | 328.00 | 350.00 |
| Tree Warden | 63.80 | 100.00 |
| Reserve Fund | | 750.00 |
| Health | 76.96 | 200.00 |
| Highways, | | |
| Chapter 81 | 2,520.00 | 2,520.00 |
| Chapter 90 Constr. | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Chapter 90 Maint. | 1,200.00 | 700.00 |
| General Highway | 5,166.44 | 5,000.00 |
| Street Lighting | 1,251.16 | 1,250.00 |
| Charity | 1,382.56 | 1,500.00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 20,195.17 | 12,000.00 |

| | Expended | Recom. by Finance Com. for 1953 |
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| | 1952 | |
| Old Age Assistance, Adm. | 1,036.66 | 700.00 |
| Disability Assistance | 343.20 | 500.00 |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 2,545.86 | 1,500.00 |
| Veterans' Benefits | | 500.00 |
| Schools | 67,950.33 | 72,645.00 |
| Tantasqua Regional School | | 4,439.70 |
| Tuition & Transp. Trade School | 935.10 | 1,000.00 |
| Library | 2,161.32 | 900.00 |
| Common | 182.76 | 200.00 |
| Memorial Day | 125.00 | 125.00 |
| Insurance | 452.01 | 500.00 |
| Town Reports | 490.06 | 550.00 |
| Cemetery | 817.94 | 750.00 |
| Interest | 1,348.94 | 1,150.00 |
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| | \$121,722.35 | 122,764.70 |

Report of the Finance Committee

This year the finance committee held a special meeting on April 21 and elected the following officers: Joseph Dmuchovsky, chairman; Noah D. Fountain, vice-chairman; Denzil Bagster-Collins, secretary.

At its first regular meeting, on May 5, there being no other business to transact, the committee voted to call the next regular for the second Monday in September.

Meeting on September 8, the committee attempted, with the assistance of Mr. Frederick Lawrence, welfare worker in Brimfield, to clarify its understanding of some of the complexities involved in carrying on the various activities of the Welfare Board, especially with regard to the difficulty of estimating future expenses and probable reimbursement from federal and state funds. Mr. Lawrence reported that in line with a ruling of the Department of Public Welfare, dated June 23, 1952, he had resigned from the Town Welfare Board on July 1, in order to continue as provisional welfare worker.

The committee met again on October 6, and again found no business to be transacted. However, at the next meeting, on November 10, the committee was asked by the Town Accountant to approve the transfer of the following amounts from the reserve account of the finance committee: Interest, \$50; Cemetery, \$100; Street Lighting, \$150; Regional District School Commission, \$225. Reference to the minutes of the finance committee for the meeting on February 11, 1952, showed that the cost

of operating the traffic signals in the Center, previously charged to the police department, had been transferred to street lighting, but without an increase in the appropriation for that account, to cover the cost of operating the lights by timed control instead of by automatic blinker. The committee voted to recommend to the selectmen that the traffic control system be placed on blinker operation between midnight and 6 A.M. in order to reduce the operating cost.

The following items involving the transfer of funds, to be included in the warrant for a special town meeting on December 15, were approved on December 1: Veterans' Fund, \$15; Fire department, \$100; Moth Control, \$50; Old Age Assistance, \$1,500.

The committee began to review the Town Budget for 1953 at its regular meeting on February 2, comparing in each instance the amount requested for 1952, the amount expended during 1952, and the amount requested for the forthcoming year. The detailed statements of the various departments including the Tantasqua Regional School, were studied. Certain requests were put over for consideration at a special meeting on February 9. Mr. Cheney F. Newton appeared before the committee to discuss the budget request for the cemetery commission.

At its final meeting on February 9, the committee heard first from Mr. Lawrence with regard to various items in the budget of the Welfare board. Then Superintendent Ladd presented the budget of the school committee, whose members were also present. A number of items in the budget were discussed in the light of the eventual transfer of pupils in the upper grades to the Regional school. The relative costs for operating the school chargeable to State aid, to local taxation, and to

other sources of income, including tuition, were also reviewed. Other items, including Article 15 in the Town Warrant, relating to the paying-off of \$9000 in maturing bonds, were taken up with Selectmen Adams and Clarke. In closed session the finance committee voted to approve all budget requests as received from the Town Accountant. These appear elsewhere in the Town report in accordance with Section 3 of the by-laws. In addition the committee recommended that \$50 be appropriated for the permanent Moderator, to be elected for the first time at the annual Town meeting.

In compliance with sections 4 and 5 of the Town by-laws the committee reports that it has held 9 special and regular meetings during the year. Once more the committee wishes to thank all Town officers and departments for their fine cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

DENZIL BAGSTER-COLLINS

Secretary

Librarian's Report

Again we have had a busy year.

During 1952 we had an unfortunate accident to the ceiling in the reading room, but as a result of this, the entire Library has been newly decorated which is a vast improvement.

Many books have been added for the benefit of the young people, and we are glad that both teachers and pupils in the schools are coming in greater numbers to the Library.

Many small children have been interested enough to give some of their own books.

The Library is cooperating with the church in its Adventure in Reading project.

The Trustees now hold their monthly meeting in the reading room of the Library.

We wish more of the townspeople would take advantage of the privileges of their Library.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET E. DUNSMORE

Librarian

NEW BOOKS ADDED LAST YEAR

FICTION

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Austin, Brett | Coyotes of Willow Brook |
| Baldwin, Faith | The Juniper Tree |
| Boynton, Grace M. | The River Garden of Pure Repose |
| Bloomfield, Robert | Vengeance Street |
| Buck, Pearl S. | The Hidden Flower |
| Campbell, John W. | Science Fiction |
| Carey, Ernestine G. | Jumping Jupiter |
| Christie, Agatha | Murder With Mirrors |
| Clewes, Howard | The Long Memory |
| Cooper, Madison | Sironia, Texas (2 Vols.) |
| Costain, Thomas B. | The Silver Chalice |
| de Hartog, Jan | The Distant Shore |
| Du Maurier, Daphne | My Cousin Rachel |
| Ellis, William Donohue | The Bounty Lands |
| Ferber, Edna | Giant |
| Hawley, Cameron | Executive Suite |
| Hemingway, Ernest | The Old Man and the Sea |
| Hilton, James | Morning Journey |
| Holding, Elisabeth | Miss Kelly |
| Houston, Margaret Bell | Bride's Island |
| Hutchinson, R. C. | Journey With Strangers |
| Kennedy, Marguerite W. | My Home on the Range |
| Keyes, Frances Parkinson | Steamboat Gothic |
| Lancaster, Bruce | The Secret Road |
| Laski, Margharita | The Village |
| Lea, Tom | The Wonderful Country |
| Loring, Emily | For All Your Life |
| Loring, Emily | To Love and To Honor |
| Miller, Helen Topping | The Proud Young Thing |
| Miller, Helen Topping | Witch Water |
| Morley, F. V. | Death in Dwelly Lane |
| O'Hara, Mary | The Son of Adam Wyngate |
| Rich, Louise Dickinson | Trail to the North |

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| Rinehart, Mary Roberts | The Swimming Pool |
| Seeley, Mabel | The Stranger Beside Me |
| Spring, Howard | The Houses in Between |
| Steinbeck, John | East of Eden |
| Tucker, Lael | Lament for Four Virgins |
| Turnbull, Agnes S. | The Gown of Glory |
| Ullman, James R. | Windom's Way |
| Waugh, Evelyn | Men at Arms |
| White, Nelia Gardner | Woman at the Window |
| Wilson, Neill C. | The Nine Brides and Granny Hite |
| Wodehouse, P. G. | Pigs Have Wings |

NON-FICTION

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| Applegate, Mauree | Everybody's business—our children |
| Arkell, Reginald | Green Fingers |
| Athanson, William J. | Automobile Body Repair and Paint Guide |
| | A Treasury of Stephen Foster |
| Bankhead, Tallulah | Tallulah |
| Bertsch, Carl W. | Basic Home Carpentry |
| Buhler, Kathryn | American Silver |
| Carson, Rachel L. | The Sea Around Us |
| Chamberlain, Samuel | Old Sturbridge Village |
| Crawford, Marion | Elizabeth, The Queen |
| Cronin, A. J. | Adventures in Two Worlds |
| Dawson & Wilson | The Shape of Sunday |
| Dewey, Thomas E. | Journey to the Far Pacific |
| Douglas, Lloyd C. | Time to Remember |
| Douglas, William O. | Beyond the High Himalayas |
| Douglas, William O. | Of Men and Mountains |
| DuPont, The | The Autobiography of an American Enterprise |
| Eaton, Jeanette | Buckey O'Neill of Arizona |
| Ethridge, Willie Snow | Lets talk Turkey |
| Foote, Donald K. | Aerodynamics for Model Airplanes |
| Fosdick, Harry Emerson | A Faith for Tough Times |
| Frank, Anne | Diary of a Young Girl |

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| Gilbreth Jr., Frank B. | I'm a Lucky Guy |
| Goetz, Delia | Other Young Americans |
| Halsey, Margaret | The Folks at Home |
| Howe, Donald W. | Quabbin, The Lost Valley |
| Hunter, J. A. | Hunter |
| Jensen, Oliver | The Revolt of American Women |
| Keith, Agnes Newton | White Man Returns |
| Kirby, Reverend Ralph | The Bible in Pictures |
| Lapp, R. E. | Must We Hide? |
| Lent, Henry B. | Fly It Away |
| Lewin, Dr. Philip | Arthritis and the Rheumatic Diseases |
| Loeb, Robert H. Jr. | She Cooks to Conquer |
| Mauldin, Bill | Bill Mauldin in Korea |
| McCann, Kevin | Man from Abilene |
| Meany, Tom | Baseball's Greatest Pitchers |
| | Memoirs of Herbert Hoover—Years of Adventure 1874-1920 |
| Meyer, Jerome | Fun with Mathematics |
| Moses, Grandma | My Life's History |
| Oursler, Fulton | The Greatest Book Ever Written |
| Partridge, Bellamy | Fill'er Up |
| Potter, Stephen | One-Upmanship |
| Price, Willard | The Amazing Amazon |
| Proudfit, Isabel | Noah Webster |
| Shirer, William L. | Midcentury Journey |
| Sloane, Eric | Eric Sloane Weather Book |
| Snow, Edward Rowe | Great Gales and Dire Disasters |
| Swift, Hildegard H. | North Star Shining |
| Syme, Ronald | Champlain of the St. Lawrence |
| Thomas, Benjamin P. | Abraham Lincoln |
| Vining, Elizabeth G. | Windows for the Crown Prince |
| Wecter, Dixon | Sam Clemens of Hannibal |
| Whitbread & Cadden | The Intelligent Man's Guide to Women |
| Zim, Herbert S. | Snakes |

JUVENILE

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| Adelson, Leone | All Ready for Winter |
| Allee, Marjorie H. | Smoke Jumper |
| Andrews, Ned | Cowdog |
| Barnum, Jay Hyde | The New Fire Engine |
| Beim, Jerrold | Andy and the School Bus |
| Beim, Jerrold | Country Fireman |
| Beim, Jerrold | Country Garage |
| Bell, Margaret E. | Ride out the Storm |
| Bell, Margaret E. | The Totem casts a Shadow |
| Best, Herbert | Gunsmith's Boy |
| Bleeker, Sonia | The Apache Indians |
| Brink, Carol R. | Caddie Woodlawn |
| Cook, Marion B. | Waggles and the Dog Catcher |
| Daugherty, James | Daniel Boone |
| Decker, Duane | Good field, no Hit |
| Decker, Duane | The Big Stretch |
| De La Roche, Mazo | A Boy in the House |
| Douglas, Emily Taft | Appleseed Farm |
| Eaton, Jeanette | Gandhi |
| Eaton, Jeanette | That Lively Man Ben Franklin |
| Eaton, Jeanette | Washington, The Nation's first Hero |
| Farley, Walter | The Black Stallion's Filly |
| Freeman, Mae & Ira | Fun with Science |
| Haywood, Carolyn | Eddie and the Fire Engine |
| Haywood, Carolyn | Eddie & Gardenia |
| Hogan, Inez | We are a Family |
| | Howard Pyle's Book of Pirates |
| Jennings, John | Clipper Ship Days |
| Johnson, Margaret S. | Joey and Patches |
| Johnson, Margaret S. | Snowshoe Paws |
| Laird, Helene | Nancy goes to College |
| Lanier, Sidney | |
| | King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table |
| Lattimore, Eleanor F. | Christopher and his Turtle |
| Lattimore, Eleanor F. | Indigo Hill |
| Lawson, Robert | I Discover Columbus |
| Lipkind, Will | Boy with a Harpoon |

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| Lundy, Jo Evalin | Tidewater Valley |
| Murphy, Bud | Wild Stallion |
| Oakes, Vanya | Footprints of the Dragon |
| Parke, John | Scratchy |
| Rafferty, Gerald | Snow Cloud |
| Scholz, Jackson | Batter Up |
| Scholz, Jackson | Fighting Coach |
| Singh & Lounsbery | Gift of the Forest |
| Stall, Dorothy | Chukchi Hunter |
| Stotz, Carl | At Bat with the Little League |
| Streatfeild, Noel | Theater Shoes |
| | The Four Puppies |
| | The Hungry Little Bunny |
| Tunis, John R. | A City for Lincoln |
| Tunis, John R. | Highpackets |
| Tunis, John R. | The Kid Comes Back |
| Waldeck, Theodore J. | Jamba the Elephant |
| Walden, Amelia E. | A Girl Called Hank |
| Walden, Amelia E. | Gateway |
| Wells, Maie L. & Fox, Dorothy | Boy of the Woods |
| Whitehouse, Arch | Real Book about Airplanes |
| Will & Nicolas | Even Steven |
| Willis, Fritz | Me Too |
| Woody, Regina | Starlight |
| Woolley, Catherine | David's Railroad |
| Woolley, Catherine | Ginnie and Geneva |
| Woolley, Catherine | Railroad Cowboy |

Report of the Fire Chief and Forest Warden

During the year the Dept. has responded to 11 building, 7 truck and car, 1 rubbish, 2 out of town and 32 grass fires, making a total of 53 calls, which is about twice the number of previous years.

This was due partly to weather conditions, faulty oil burner equipment and carelessness. Two houses, with contents and a small barn were totally destroyed with an assessed valuation of \$1210.00. These buildings were beyond saving when the Dept. arrived, but all other fire losses have been slight, due to the prompt, efficient work of the Volunteer Firemen.

Due to the weather conditions and short burning season the Volunteer Dept. was only able to burn part of the dangerous grass land around buildings (where requested) in the spring. For their protection, property owners should see that tall grass around their buildings is cut and removed for a distance of at least ten (10) feet.

Incinerators should be located in a safe place, maintained in good condition, not used on windy days and burning done in early morning or evening when possible. As we have had several fires from this source your co-operation will eliminate expense and property loss.

A ten hour course of training for Firemen was com-

pleted satisfactorily, by 19 Volunteer Firemen, consisting of the following:

Chemistry of Fire—Ventilation

Theory of Pumping—Simplified Hydraulics

Use of Ladders—Rescue operations

Pump Operation—Use of apparatus, equipment

Pump Operation—Use of apparatus, equipment

This course was financed by the State Department of Vocational Education and supervised by a Professional Instructor.

A course in First Aid is also contemplated.

Two (2) new waterholes have been established, six (6) old ones enlarged or reconditioned.

Five hundred (500) feet of 2½" hose was purchased and all hose and equipment has been repaired where necessary, and is in good condition.

Permits are required for the following:

To Install-alter Liquified Petroleum Gas

To Install-alter Fuel Oil Burning Equip.

To store Fuel Oil and Gas

For all open air fires.

A Certificate of Competency is required for all installations or alterations of oil burning equipment.

PERMITS ISSUED

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| To Install-alter Fuel Oil Burning Equip. | 22 |
| To Install-Liquified Petroleum Gas | 37 |
| For Blasting | 1 |
| For storing Fuel Oil | 22 |
| For storing Liquified Petroleum Gas | 37 |

DEPARTMENT EXPENSE FOR 1952

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|----------------------|----------|------------|
| Salary, Chief | 50.00 | |
| Storage | 360.00 | |
| Gas, Oil and Repairs | 307.35 | |
| Telephone | 133.47 | |
| Insurance on Men | 176.25 | |
| Insurance on Trucks | 283.21 | |
| Fire Permits | 35.10 | |
| Forest Fire Payroll | 463.00 | |
| New Equipment | 60.72 | |
| New Hose | 680.00 | |
| Water Holes | 45.50 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | 2,594.60 | |
| Balance | 5.40 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$2,600.00 |
| Appropriation | 2,500.00 | |
| From Reserve Fund | 100.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$2,600.00 |

There have been two fires started by railroad engines costing \$116.00 to extinguish. This amount has been reimbursed to the Town, making the actual expense for the year \$2,478.60.

REQUESTED BUDGET FOR 1953

| | |
|---------------------|--------|
| Salary | 50.00 |
| Storage | 360.00 |
| Gas, Oil, Repairs | 200.00 |
| Telephone | 140.00 |
| Insurance on Trucks | 300.00 |
| Insurance on Men | 175.00 |
| Fire Permits | 50.00 |

| | | |
|---------------------|--------|------------|
| Forest Fire Payroll | 400.00 | |
| Water Holes | 50.00 | |
| New Equipment | 150.00 | |
| Resuscitator | 600.00 | |
| Misc. | 25.00 | \$2,500.00 |

SIREN SIGNALS

1 Blast for Forest Fire

2 Blasts for all other Fires

1 Blast at 7:30 A. M. —No School

Long wavy blast of 3 min. for Air Raid

3—1 min. blasts—all clear.

I wish to thank the Citizens of the Town and the members of the Volunteer Fire Dept. for their cooperation in keeping our fire loss at a minimum.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY C. HICKS

Fire Chief and Forest Warden

1952 Report
of the
**TRUSTEES FOR COUNTY AID TO
AGRICULTURE**

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD

The Trustees are grateful for the support and co-operation of the following local citizens who have, without remuneration, assisted our County Agents in various farm practices, home problems and work with boys and girls in 4-H Activities.

Albert Birchenough, Mrs. William Fresh, Mrs. Albert Gendreau, Mrs. Ralph Hall, Mrs. Raymond Lemmelin, Mrs. Robert J. MacConnell, Mrs. Maurice St. Clair, Mrs. Fred Worby, Mrs. Gladys Whitten and Mrs. Herbert Wright.

Chapter 128 of the General Laws permits a city or town to appropriate money to be expended by the Trustees for carrying out the purposes of the act. Any such local appropriation to the Trustees is held by the County Treasurer and used exclusively for reimbursing a local resident of the town for necessary expenses they may incur in performing such duties as may be assigned them.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| 1952 Appropriation | \$75.00 |
| 1951 Unexpended Balance | 4.82 |
| Total Available for 1952 | 79.82 |
| Total Expenditure in 1952 | 41.05 |
| 1953 Balance Available | 38.77 |
| 1953 Recommended Appropriation | 75.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture

By L. B. BOSTON, Clerk

12/10/52

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

As in previous years, we have again covered all the town roads and also have done quite a bit of field work. We found and destroyed 4,992 egg clusters of the Gypsy Moth.

PERCY N. MOORE, Supt.

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

To the Board of Selectmen:

I submit herewith my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1952.

| | Adjusted | Sealed |
|---------------------|----------|--------|
| Platform scales | 1 | 2 |
| Spring scales | 2 | 5 |
| Computing scales | | 3 |
| Avoirdupois weights | | 4 |
| Gasoline meters | 4 | 15 |
| Kerosene pumps | | 2 |

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST J. COLLETTE

Sealer

School Committee's Report

1952

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| Member | Term expires |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| HENRY LACH, Chairman | 1955 |
| ROGER W. BENNETT, Secretary | 1953 |
| FRANCES LEMMELIN | 1954 |

Superintendent of Schools

HAROLD M. LADD

Office hours:

8:30 a. m. to 12:00 m.—1:30 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.
when school is in session

At the high or elementary school every Monday

Telephone Monson 67-2 (office)

Monson 365 (residence)

Secretary to the Superintendent

HELYNN S. HALEY

Office telephone—Monson 67-2

Office Hours:

8:30 a. m. to 12:00 m.—1:30 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.
when school is in session

School Physician

DR. ROBERT T. BUSH

School Nurse

*VERVA MACUMBER, R. N.

Supervisor of Attendance

EDWARD E. SHEERAN

Hours of School Sessions

High School: 8:45 a. m. to 12:00 m. — 12:45 p. m. to 3:00 p. m.

Elementary: 8:45 a. m. to 12:00 m. — 12:55 p. m. to 2:55 p. m.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL—One blast of the Fire Alarm will indicate that there is to be no session of school.

Entering Age of Children

Six years of age on or before the first of January following the opening of school in September.

—*Luella I. Young, R. N. to November 1, 1952

School Calendar

1952-1953

1952

| | | | |
|-----------|----|-----------|---|
| September | 3 | Wednesday | Schools open |
| October | 13 | Monday | Schools closed—Observance of Columbus Day |
| | 24 | Friday | Schools closed—Hampden County Teachers Association Convention |
| November | 11 | Tuesday | Schools closed—Armistice Day |
| | 26 | Wednesday | Schools close at 12:30 p. m. Thanksgiving recess |
| December | 1 | Monday | Schools reopen |
| | 24 | Wednesday | Schools close at 12:30 p. m. Christmas vacation |

1953

| | | | |
|----------|----|--------|--|
| January | 5 | Monday | Schools reopen |
| February | 20 | Friday | Schools close for Midwinter vacation |
| March | 2 | Monday | Schools reopen |
| April | 3 | Friday | Schools closed—Good Friday |
| | 20 | Monday | Schools closed—Observance of Patriots' Day |
| | 24 | Friday | Schools close for Spring vacation |
| May | 4 | Monday | Schools reopen |
| ** June | 5 | Friday | Elementary schools close for Summer vacation |
| | 12 | Friday | High school closes for Summer vacation |

** The closing dates are tentative

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

I submit herewith my eleventh report as Superintendent of Schools. This report includes the reports of the high school principal, elementary school principal, music supervisor, school nurse and various statistical tables relating to the operation of our schools.

STAFF

The following teachers have been elected to fill vacancies that have developed during the past year: Theda P. Moulton, Commercial; Florence B. Gendreau, Grade IV; Frank G. Nilson, Jr. Grade VIII; John Whalen, Music Supervisor. A complete record of the training and experience of all teachers will be found in Appendix C.

TRAINING FOR CITIZENSHIP

The last year has witnessed an increasing number of pupils applying for dismissal from school at the earliest possible age. Apparently, this is brought about by several factors. In the first place, teen-age boys realize that 'they'll soon be in the military services and they take the short-sighted attitude that there is no real reason for staying in school. Another reason for drop-outs is the abnormal wage scale offered by industry for unskilled labor. Far too often parents will encourage their children to drop out of school to augment the family income.

A high school education is the absolute minimum for a person to compete with others today. The past experience of draft boards resulted in the establishment of the G. I. Bill of Rights and the federal government has been financing educational programs through the level of a Master's Degree. Thousands of ex-servicemen have obtained college degrees at government expense. This should be reason enough for any boy to weigh the value of an education.

It is the aim of every school to train for citizenship by establishing real life situations in the extra-curricular programs. Fundamentally, schools train pupils to think for themselves and many of the most valuable lessons do not come from books. Industry has stressed the fact that one of the most important character traits that any school can teach is how to get along with people.

Life in a Democracy furnishes an equal opportunity for leadership, and leadership comes through the ability to express oneself clearly. It is impossible for schools to over-emphasize this objective. Oral reports, debates and assemblies offer an opportunity to emphasize self expression. The right of franchise calls for an enlightened electorate if public servants are to be kept on a high plane and this responsibility rests with the individual voter. Schools are the only agency that can develop these abilities. Institutions of higher learning must develop the type of teacher that is capable of carrying on this program. Secondary schools should encourage the most competent pupils to enter the teaching profession.

HEALTH

For more than a quarter of a century the nursing service for Brimfield schools has been handled by Luel-

la I. Young working out of the Hampden County Tuberculosis Association, and has amounted to one day per month. This year marks the end of a long and faithful period of service for our school nurse. Miss Luella I. Young retired November 1, after more than a quarter of a century of unselfish attention to the needs of our children. She maintained her schedule regardless of weather, and was always on the alert to lend a helping hand. Verva G. Macumber was appointed school nurse and will serve one day per week.

The objective of a school health program is to prevent the establishment of physical defects which will interfere with school progress and become a handicap in later life. It is not the function of the school nurse or the school physician to replace the services of a family physician. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is in the process of reorganization and the plan is to furnish health services for all schools from a central health office serving a particular district, and indications are that our office will be established in Amherst. School children have had physical examinations every year, but under a new law they will be examined every three or four years at the discretion of the school physician. From now on, it will be necessary for parents to arrange for more frequent physical examinations by the family physician.

HOUSING

The Tantasqua Regional High School will eventually absorb our present high school pupils plus grades 7 and 8 in the elementary school and this should take care of our housing needs for some time to come. Registration in the elementary grades is increasing, but our housing at that level is more than adequate.

Existing plans indicate that our high school curriculum will be broadened and that the benefits that the pupils will receive will be well worth any additional expense. It is the aim of every community to provide the best possible school facilities for its children. The value of a year round physical education program that includes inter-class and inter-scholastic athletic competition has long been recognized.

FINANCES

The cost of living is still on the increase for every household and this holds equally true of school expenditures. The cost of materials, textbooks, supplies and personal services have not shown a decrease for several years. Schools use many consumer goods that have to be replaced every year. More classrooms call for more expenditures for heat, light and repairs, so it is the aim of your School Department to get full value for every dollar expended.

Increased wages in such basic industries as coal, iron and steel have a direct bearing upon the wage scale of other industries and professions. When the purchasing power of the dollar is cut in half, wages must be doubled to meet the cost of food, shelter and clothing. Any material reduction in the overall school budget would indicate a reduction or elimination of essential school services. Contemplated legislation would double the amount of state aid to smaller towns and these funds would be derived from a tax on personal incomes to relieve further assessments on real estate. Our present program of taxation assesses local real estate heavily for the support of schools and it would appear that additional state aid would tend to keep the local tax rate down.

CONCLUSION

I wish to thank the members of the Brimfield School Committee for their counsel and advice in formulating policies regarding the operation of our schools; the Parent-Teacher Association for its continued interest in school activities and the teaching staff for its attention to the day by day duties of the classroom. The success or failure of any school program is not immediately apparent, but an understanding cooperation of all connected with our schools cannot fail to produce the kind of citizen that will be recognized as a leader in tomorrow's world.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD M. LADD

Superintendent of Schools

Report of the High School Principal

Mr. Harold M. Ladd
Superintendent of Schools
Brimfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Ladd:

I submit my tenth annual report as Principal of Hitchcock Free Academy, operated as Brimfield High School.

The school was opened September 3, 1952 with 74 pupils in attendance in the four upper grades.

Five members of the 1952 graduating class are attending colleges and training schools. All are doing satisfactory work on that level.

A complete battery of vocational and personal aptitude tests was administered to the members of the junior class. The results of these tests will be discussed with the pupils and their parents to help guide the pupils in choosing their life work.

We are trying to carry on our extra-curricular activities to the full ability of our faculty. The play contest gave a large number of pupils an opportunity to take part in that valuable activity. The Student Council con-

tinues to give training in the democratic process. We try to have one pupil-sponsored social activity each month. The council-sponsored poster contest, held in connection with our Christmas program, gave an opportunity for those interested in art, to express themselves.

There is an increase in interest in the schools and the problems of the young people of the community. It is encouraging to have the various civic and church groups of the town cooperating for the good of all.

I wish to thank you, the school committee and faculty for continued support and help.

Yours truly,

ROBERT E. BRUCE

Principal

December 30, 1952

REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr. Harold M. Ladd

Superintendent of Schools

Brimfield, Massachusetts

My Dear Mr. Ladd:

In keeping with our philosophy of equipping our boys and girls with skills and abilities which enable them to lead happy lives in their community and to be an asset to society, we say that the year 1952 has been successful and productive.

Our enrollment has shown no great change. It has varied between two hundred and two hundred twenty—only slightly higher than last year. Again this year, a fine group of boys and girls from Wales is attending grade eight in this school.

We have two new teachers on our staff this year. Mrs. Florence Gendreau is teaching grade four and Mr. Frank Nilson is teaching grade eight.

Our curricular and co-curricular facilities have improved during the year. In the line of audio-visual aids, we have increased our library of filmstrips and records. The P. T. A. has purchased a tape recorder which has proved very popular and effective. There is a project nearing completion in the basement of the school which will provide us with the area for dramatics and visual aids. The stage is being constructed by the boys

of the industrial arts department and the curtain is being made by the girls of the sewing class. Our club activities which provide for individual interests have been popular. New recreational reading books have been distributed to all classrooms for their libraries.

Our school cafeteria is a busy place and we feel that we are giving the children a well balanced meal. In the past year, we have served 16,284 paid lunches, 955 free lunches, and 7,528 bottles of milk. Since September, we have averaged 2000 paid lunches per month. A menu is given to each child in order that he may take it home and know what will be served the following week.

In closing, I wish to thank you for your guidance during the past year and I also wish to thank all those who have helped to make 1952 a pleasant and progressive year.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT D. BENGLE, Principal

December 31, 1952

Appendix A

REPORT OF SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

January 1, 1952 to November 1, 1952

Sixteen visits were made to the schools and routine examinations and inspections were made.

Dr. Robert Bush examined pre-school children in June with parents present and fourteen were examined at this time. In October the rest of the first grade, fourth and seventh grades were examined and parents notified of conditions needing attention. The children were weighed and measured and records kept. The vision and hearing tests were made, using equipment borrowed from the State Department of Health. Six home calls were made.

The ninth and twelfth grades had chest x-rays at the Town Tuberculosis X-ray Clinic in late June this year, and all had negative x-rays, although three were asked to return for a second x-ray because the first films were spoiled.

I regret very much that the need to retire from work ends the very pleasant contacts with the schools, children, parents and school personnel. I wish the best of times for all with the nurse who will carry on the work.

Sincerely yours,

LUELLA I. YOUNG, R. N.

November 3, 1952

Appendix B

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

Mr. Harold M. Ladd

Superintendent of Schools

Monson, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Ladd:

The music program of the Brimfield Schools has been planned as a continuation and a further development of the program in effect during past years.

During the current year students from the high school have taken part in programs at Hallowe'en, the Play Contest, and the Christmas Concert. At the elementary school, music activities have constituted part of the programs for Thanksgiving, the PTA Talent Show, and the Christmas Program.

There are seventeen high school students engaged in band work and forty-one in glee club. At the elementary school all classes are instructed in vocal music and twenty-five students are receiving instrumental instruction. The elementary school instrumental group is in need of drum equipment. All other instruments are owned or rented by the students themselves.

Since many of the children of the Brimfield schools have special talent in music, it is necessary that we all—

teachers, parents, and townspeople—furnish guidance and help to these gifted children. Opportunities for public performance for civic, church, or fraternal affairs provide excellent incentives for both vocalists and instrumentalists. Music provides the greatest satisfaction to the performer when he has given something of himself to others.

In closing I wish to thank the superintendent of schools, the principals, and the teachers for their help and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. WHALEN

Music Supervisor

December 24, 1952

Appendix C
Directory of School Staff
December 31, 1952

| Position | Name | Training | Years Service in Brimfield | Years Service Total | Salary |
|------------------------------------|---|----------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| Administrative Staff | | | | | |
| Superintendent | Harold M. Ladd, BS., Ed.M., Univ. N.H., | | 11 | 32 | \$1375 |
| Secretary to the Superintendent | *Helynn S. Haley, Bay Path Institute | | 17 | 18 | 700 |
| High School | | | | | |
| Commercial | †*Theda P. Moulton, Bay Path Institute | | 0 | 5 | 2500 |
| English, French | Eugenia P. Tarbell, AB., Mount Holyoke | | 18 | 21 | 3050 |
| Math, Science | Freda B. Stegner, AB., Mount Holyoke | | 20 | 29 | 3050 |
| Sci. Social Studies | Robert E. Bruce, BS., Univ. N.H., | | 11 | 24 | 4100 |
| Music | †John Whalen, B. Mus., Boston Univ. | | 0 | 1 | 750 |
| Household Arts | **Morraine Cheney, BS., Univ. Tenn. | | 10 | 17 | 936 |
| Industrial Arts | **Loren Manbeck, A.A.S. Alfred College | | 1 | 1 | 936 |

Elementary School

| | | | | |
|------------|---|----|----|------|
| Grade I | Edna Peterson, Ed.M., Boston Univ. | 7 | 18 | 2700 |
| Grade II | *Gladys Webber, Westfield T.C. | 13 | 38 | 2720 |
| Grade III | *Irma Davis, Washington State | 3 | 24 | 2500 |
| Grade IV | ††Florence B. Gendreau, Gorham Normal | 0 | 7 | 2300 |
| Grade V | Helen Walinski, AB., Lady of Elms | 2 | 2 | 2300 |
| Grade VI | Robert D. Bengle, Principal, BS., Tufts | 2 | 4 | 3100 |
| Grade VII | Mary E. Gaudette | 8 | 33 | 2700 |
| Grade VIII | *†Frank G. Nilson, Jr., Springfield College | 0 | 1 | 2600 |

* Diploma

† Benjamin Davies to June

** Part-time

†† Madeline Harrington to June

*†Carolyn Clark to June

†* Elaine Wright to June

Appendix D—Table I
ANNUAL SCHOOL CENSUS, 1952
As of October 1

| | 5 years or over and under 7 | 7 years or over and under 16 | Illiterate minors 16 yrs. or over and under 21 |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Total in Town | | | |
| Boys | 16 | 109 | |
| Girls | 12 | 106 | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | |
| Total | 28 | 215 | |
| In public school | 27 | 202 | |
| In continuation school | | | |
| In vocational school | | 1 | |
| In private school | | 9 | |
| In state and county schools and special classes for de- fectives and delinquents | | 1 | |
| Not enrolled in any school | 1 | 2 | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | |
| Total | 28 | 215 | |

Appendix D—Table II
AGE—GRADE TABLE
October 1, 1952

| Age | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | Total |
|-------|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Grade | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| I | 3 | 20 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 27 |
| II | | 4 | 22 | 5 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | 32 |
| III | | | 4 | 17 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | 25 |
| IV | | | | 3 | 14 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | 21 |
| V | | | | | 7 | 13 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | 29 |
| VI | | | | | | 3 | 15 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 26 |
| VII | | | | | | 1 | 3 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 3 | | | | | | 20 |
| VIII | | | | | | | 1 | 5 | 18 | 6 | 3 | 1 | | | | | 34 |
| IX | | | | | | | | | 4 | 15 | 2 | 3 | | | | | 24 |
| X | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | 19 |
| XI | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 15 | | | | | 18 |
| XII | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 7 | 2 | | | 12 |
| Total | 3 | 24 | 29 | 26 | 26 | 19 | 24 | 20 | 30 | 27 | 23 | 25 | 8 | 3 | | | 287 |

Appendix E

ITEMIZED ACCOUNTS 1952

GENERAL EXPENSES

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Harold M. Ladd | \$1,592.11 |
| Helynn S. Haley | 715.09 |
| Robert Bruce | 10.00 |
| Beulah Bruce | 50.00 |
| New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. | 137.68 |
| Edward Sheeran | 145.70 |
| Henry Lach | 100.00 |
| Frances Lemmelin | 100.00 |
| Roger Bennett | 100.00 |
| Robert Bengle | 25.12 |
| William Yale | 12.50 |
| Conklin Supply Co. | 12.50 |
| Gladys Whitten | 6.28 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$3,006.98 |

TEACHERS' SALARIES

| | |
|------------|-------------|
| Elementary | \$22,547.00 |
| High | 14,120.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$36,667.00 |

TEXTBOOKS

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Scott Foresman & Co. | \$250.56 |
| E. M. Hale Co. | 49.95 |
| Nelson Music Co. | 2.50 |
| American Book Co. | 116.11 |
| Ginn & Co. | 116.05 |
| Laidlaw Bros. | 68.11 |
| Lyons & Carnahan Co. | 43.84 |

| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Iroquois Pub. Co. | 33.62 |
| World Book Co. | 43.03 |
| Macmillan Co. | 36.30 |
| Charles E. Merrill Co. | 50.91 |
| Row Peterson & Co. | 57.12 |
| Harper Bros. | 25.11 |
| John C. Winston Co. | 24.76 |
| McCormick-Mathers, Inc. | 11.56 |
| D. C. Heath Co. | 38.87 |
| South-Western Pub. Co. | 28.40 |
| Hall, McCreary Co. | 42.59 |
| Gregg Pub. Co. | 27.61 |
| Silver Burdett Co. | 26.24 |
| Beckly-Cardy Co. | 16.72 |
| Walberg & Auge | 27.96 |

\$1,137.92

OTHER (supplies)

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Mainco Trading Co. | \$413.49 |
| J. L. Hammett Co. | 189.98 |
| Milton Bradley Co. | 3.31 |
| Charles E. Merrill Co. | 7.70 |
| D. C. Heath Co. | 3.31 |
| Brodhead-Garrett Co. | 131.65 |
| Lewis Howlett | 62.68 |
| American Book Co. | 2.95 |
| Morine Cheney | 69.84 |
| Springfield Office Supply Co. | 279.87 |
| Personnel Press | 33.50 |
| N. L. & E. W. Kruysman | 29.97 |
| H. T. Janes | 3.55 |
| Hatch's Village Store | 46.71 |
| Science Kit | 77.40 |
| Division of University Extension | 1.00 |
| Cambosco Scientific Co. | 102.99 |
| Nelson Music Co. | 74.80 |

| | |
|-------------------------|------|
| Paquette Stationery Co. | 7.14 |
| Walberg & Auge | 4.45 |

\$1,546.29

WAGES OF JANITOR

| | |
|----------------|------------|
| Edward Sheeran | \$3,200.08 |
| Thomas Magrath | 21.00 |

\$3,221.08

FUEL

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Squier & Co. | \$1,551.58 |
| Southbridge Coal Co. | 857.40 |

\$2,408.98

MISCELLANEOUS (operating)

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co. | \$362.25 |
| Thomas S. Magrath | 10.00 |
| Hatch's Village Store | 137.90 |
| Worc. County Elec. Co. | 673.98 |
| Renaud Sign Co. | 4.00 |
| Frank Bros. Paper Co. | 125.37 |
| Allston Supply Co. | 63.00 |
| Faulkner Hardware Co. | 100.19 |
| Geo. A. Flagg Co. | 67.05 |
| G. A. Authier & Son | 96.58 |
| LeBlanc's Hardware Store | 13.10 |
| Richco Products Co. | 21.75 |
| Tropical Paint Co. | 44.40 |
| H. E. Hitchcock | 161.00 |
| Hillyard Sales Co. | 41.77 |
| T. R. Williams | 44.12 |
| Brulin & Co. | 9.32 |
| Odorite Sanitation Service | 18.75 |

\$1,994.53

MAINTENANCE (repairs)

| | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Baker's Sports Center | \$8.10 |
| H. U. Bail Sons | 188.88 |
| Valley Garage | 11.00 |
| Faulkner Hardware Co. | 24.69 |
| Albert Birchenough | 26.25 |
| T. O. Aliengena | 20.09 |
| Walberg & Auge | 4.45 |
| Brimfield Garage | 1.00 |
| Royal Typewriter Co. | 112.00 |
| G. C. Winter Co. | 48.88 |
| Joseph VanHook | 5.00 |
| Underwood Corp. | 125.00 |
| Fyr-Fyter Sales Co. | 114.25 |
| Lewis E. Howlett | 23.14 |

\$712.73

LIBRARIES

| | |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Macmillan Co. | \$52.64 |
| School Squares | 22.50 |
| Charles Scribner's Sons | 66.48 |
| Martin & Murray, Inc. | 23.25 |
| Field Enterprises, Inc. | 60.78 |
| Lyons & Carnahan | 16.31 |
| Ginn & Co. | 29.72 |
| Fideler Co. | 2.36 |
| Silver Burdett Co. | 36.44 |
| Houghton Mifflin Co. | 30.54 |

\$341.02

HEALTH

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Hampden County Tuberculosis Ass'n. | \$160.00 |
| Luella I. Young | 8.16 |
| Broughton & Smithies | 5.07 |

| | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Dr. Robert Bush | 125.00 |
| Yale H. Brown | 28.25 |
| J. L. Hammett Co. | 59.40 |
| Verva Macumber | 100.00 |

\$485.88

TRANSPORTATION

| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| Charles E. Wheeler | \$9,938.74 |
| Noah Fountain | 2,200.00 |
| William Spooner | 1,320.00 |
| Andrew Gondek | 520.50 |
| Bernard Sampson | 972.00 |
| Edward Sheeran | 44.00 |
| Walter Baker | 42.00 |

\$15,037.24

MISCELLANEOUS (auxiliary)

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Commissioner, Public Safety | \$10.00 |
| National Education Ass'n. | 19.29 |
| Palmer Register | 16.00 |
| Clarence Quimby | 50.00 |
| J. L. Hammett Co. | 23.04 |
| Trustees, Boston University | 17.50 |
| Peerless Laundry | 3.20 |
| City Truck Co. | 1.40 |
| Nichols Nursery | 98.20 |
| Town of Brimfield | 176.85 |
| Railway Express | 2.34 |

\$417.82

NEW EQUIPMENT

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Baker's Sports Center | \$139.11 |
| J. L. Hammett Co. | 91.40 |
| Lunner Floor Service | 349.00 |
| Cambosco Scientific Co. | 163.40 |
| Kittredge Store Fixtures | 75.00 |
| Royal Typewriter Co. | 125.00 |
| Charles Beaulieu | 29.95 |

\$972.86

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

| | Elementary | Expenditures, 1952 High | Total | Estimated 1953 |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| General expenses | \$ 1,503.49 | 1,503.49 | 3,006.98 | 3,150.00 |
| Expenses of instruction | | | | |
| Teachers' salaries | 22,547.00 | 14,120.00 | 36,667.00 | 38,995.00 |
| Textbooks | 769.12 | 368.80 | 1,137.92 | 1,300.00 |
| Other (supplies) | 662.60 | 883.69 | 1,546.29 | 1,600.00 |
| Expenses of operating | | | | |
| Wages of janitor | 1,621.04 | 1,600.04 | 3,221.08 | 3,250.00 |
| Fuel | 1,551.58 | 857.40 | 2,408.98 | 3,400.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,550.74 | 443.79 | 1,994.53 | 1,900.00 |
| Maintenance (repairs) | 328.52 | 384.21 | 712.73 | 600.00 |
| Auxiliary agencies | | | | |
| Libraries | 341.02 | | 341.02 | 350.00 |
| Health | 279.38 | 206.50 | 485.88 | 750.00 |
| Transportation | 10,053.40 | 4,983.84 | 15,037.24 | 16,800.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 230.75 | 187.07 | 417.82 | 250.00 |
| New equipment | 809.46 | 163.40 | 972.86 | 300.00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$42,248.10 | 25,702.23 | 67,950.33 | 72,645.00 |
| Appropriation, 1952 | | | \$69,029.00 | |
| Expenditures, 1952 | | | 67,950.33 | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Balance Unexpended | | | | \$1,078.67 |

NET COST OF OPERATING BRIMFIELD SCHOOLS

1952

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Appropriation, 1952 | \$69,029.00 | |
| Unexpended, 1952 | 1,078.67 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$67,950.33 |

Receipts:

From the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| School Fund, Chap. 643 | \$14,845.73 | |
| Supt's salary and expenses | 933.33 | |
| Transportation, Chap. 70, s7A | 13,310.10 | |
| Tuition and Transportation | | |
| of State wards | 6,687.97 | |
| Tuition, non-resident | 3,412.27 | |
| Income that must be expended | | |
| for support of schools | 2,000.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 10.06 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | \$41,199.46 |
| | | <hr/> |
| NET COST TO TOWN | | \$26,750.87 |

TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

On January 14, 1952 the five towns of Brimfield, Brookfield, Holland, Sturbridge and Wales voted at special town meetings to form a Regional School District and build a regional six-year Junior-Senior High School.

The original Regional School Committee was comprised of eight members with the membership being based upon the enrollment in grades 7-12 in the respective towns as of October 1 in any year. Brimfield, Brookfield and Sturbridge all placed two representatives on the Committee, with one each from Holland and Wales. The enrollment from Brimfield dropped, however, and they now have only one member.

The Committee very thoroughly investigated several possible sites and eventually selected the Hyland property on the Fiskdale-Brookfield road as offering the most advantages. An agreement has been signed by the Committee and by the owners for purchase of approximately 80 acres of land at a price of \$9,000 with building and occupational restrictions on adjoining property. The matter of purchase of additional land for an entrance from the Brimfield-Brookfield road is being contemplated.

Considerable work preliminary to bonding has been done and the Second National Bank of Boston are our agents. To date only \$50,000 has actually been borrowed. The matter of becoming a legal entity has been difficult but is now completed. In this connection it was necessary also to design and adopt a corporate seal and suitable by-laws.

The selection of a suitable and appropriate name also proved difficult. Appeals to townspeople were almost fruitless. History, however, proved "Tantasqua" to be the most appropriate legally available name.

Anderson-Nichols & Company of Boston were one of a long list of architects who were interviewed, and were selected to design our school. Preliminary plans are nearly finished and also necessary survey work required to draw up specifications for bids on grading have been partially completed.

Engelhardt, Engelhardt and Leggett, probably the foremost educational consultants in the country, are working with the architects and the Committee in the design of the school both educationally and physically.

Mr. Walter E. Scott of Amesbury, Massachusetts, will assume a full time position in September 1953 as superintendent and is in the meantime working with the Committee on curriculum and other related matters. He was selected from a long list of applicants who were interviewed for the position. In Mr. Scott the Committee believes it has one of the best school administrators available.

The Committee has unanimously agreed to serve without salary. The Treasurer, however, in accordance with the General Laws relating to Regional Schools will be a paid and bonded official. The Treasurer's books were set up and audited by the Department of Accounts.

At the time of the writing of this report the Committee reports that it is maintaining the schedule whereby the school should be in operation in September 1954 barring advent of unforeseen circumstances.

It is the joint goal of the Committee, educational consultants, and the architects to make Tantasqua the outstanding secondary school in the East.

PHILIP R. PALAMOUNTAIN
 ROGER W. BENNETT
 HAROLD A. MURPHY
 REED RICH
 FRANK NIERODZINSKI
 RICHARD GODDARD
 LLOYD W. GODDU

TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TREASURER'S REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 1952

INCOME

| | | |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Anticipation Loan | \$50,000.00 | |
| Interest on Loan | 19.44 | |
| | <hr/> | \$50,019.44 |
| Assessments : | | |
| Brimfield | \$224.72 | |
| Brookfield | 269.66 | |
| Holland | 76.41 | |
| Sturbridge | 350.56 | |
| Wales | 78.65 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,000.00 |
| Refund of binder fee | \$500.00 | 500.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total Income | | <u>\$51,519.44</u> |

EXPENSES

Construction Expenses

| | | |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| Consultants | \$2,625.00 | |
| Site Binder Fee | 500.00 | |
| Survey | 760.00 | |
| Architects | 17,000.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$20,885.00 |

Operating Expenses

| | | |
|------------------|---------|--------|
| Treasurer's Bond | \$90.00 | |
| Seal | 30.80 | |
| Office expense | 98.59 | |
| Clerk | 119.64 | |
| Office Rent | 200.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 539.03 |

| | | |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Expense | \$21,424.03 | |
| Cash on Hand | 30,095.41 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$51,519.44 |
| | | <hr/> <hr/> |

HAROLD A. MURPHY

Treasurer

TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Balance Sheet — December 31, 1952

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

| Assets | Liabilities and Reserves |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Cash: | Temporary Loans: |
| In Banks, | In Anticipation of Serial |
| Loans Authorized, | Loans, |
| | \$50,000.00 |
| | Appropriation Balances: |
| | Revenue: |
| | Regional School Committee |
| | Operating Expenses, |
| | 460.97 |
| | Non-revenue: |
| | School Construction, |
| | 29,615.00 |
| | Loans Authorized and Unissued, |
| | 75,000.00 |
| | Surplus Revenue, |
| | 19.44 |
| <hr/> | <hr/> |
| \$155,095.41 | \$155,095.41 |
| <hr/> | <hr/> |

Town Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden, ss:

To the Town Clerk of Brimfield, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Monday, the 2nd day of March, 1953 at 12 o'clock noon, to act on the following:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 2. To give in their votes to the election officers on one ballot for the following Town Officers: Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Three Selectmen, Tree Warden, Five Constables and one Town Moderator, all for the term of one year; one member of the Board of Public Welfare, one School Committeeman, One Assessor, One Cemetery Commissioner, Two Library Trustees for the terms of three years.

The polls will open at twelve o'clock noon and will close at eight o'clock in the evening. All business of said meeting and elections of Town Officers, except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as by law are required to be elected or determined by ballot, shall be considered after 8 p.m.

Article 3. To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the Town and act thereon.

Article 4. To see what salaries the Town will allow its officers for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To raise and appropriate money for the support of various departments and activities of the Town, payment of debts and defray expenses of the ensuing year and direct how same shall be expended.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Compensation Insurance Fund together with a sum to be raised by taxation to purchase compensation for Town Employees.

Article 7. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of the Warren, Brookfield and Holland Roads under Chapter 90, to be used with sums allotted by the State and County for this purpose.

Article 9. To elect one trustee of the Harriet Harding Fund for three years.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Chapter 90 Construction to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State and County or both for the purpose.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1953 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable

within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for the period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of reimbursement of allotments made by the State and County for Highways including Bridges.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice in some convenient and public place of the Town fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town upon Tax Title Procedure, provided that the Selectmen or whomever they may authorize to hold such public auction, may reject any bid which they deem inadequate.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75.00 to be expended in the Town by the Hampden County Trustees for Aid To Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 128, Section 42.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Machinery Fund for the maintenance, care, replacement and purchase of town machinery for the ensuing year.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$9,000.00 to pay maturing bonds.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting copies thereof at the Town Hall and Post Office, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 2nd day of February, 1953.

GEORGE B. ADAMS, Jr.

RAYMOND D. CLARKE

EDWIN F. FENTON

Selectmen of Brimfield

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Annual Reports
OF THE
Town Officers
OF THE
Town of Brimfield



AND OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE
Year Ending December 31, 1953

THE PALMER REGISTER, Inc.

Palmer, Mass.

1954

Town Officers --- 1953

Town Clerk

MABEL B. PEIRCE

Moderator

EVERETT D. LANDEN

Treasurer

EUGENIA P. TARBELL (resigned)

HARRIET T. BROWN (appointed)

Tax Collector

HARRIET T. BROWN (resigned)

BARBARA M. BROWN (appointed)

Selectmen

GEORGE B. ADAMS, Jr.

RAYMOND D. CLARKE

ANDREW W. GONDEK

Assessors

JOHN M. HALEY

Term expires 1956

JOHN P. MOORE

Term expires 1955

EDWARD J. KILLIAN

Term expires 1954

School Committee

ROGER W. BENNETT

Term expires 1956

HENRY LACH

Term expires 1955

FRANCES M. LEMMELIN (resigned)

IRENE W. WRIGHT (appointed)

Term expires 1954

Board of Public Welfare

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| LLEWELLYN B. NORTON | Term expires 1956 |
| NANCY E. COX | Term expires 1955 |
| J. FREDERICK LAWRENCE | Term expires 1954 |

Cemetery Commission

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| CHENEY F. NEWTON | Term expires 1955 |
| GEORGE E. HITCHCOCK | Term expires 1956 |
| EVERETT D. LANDEN | Term expires 1954 |

Library Trustees

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| CHARLES A. DeLAND, Jr. | Term expires 1956 |
| EUGENIA P. TARBELL | Term expires 1956 |
| AGNES B. HICKS | Term expires 1955 |
| PHILIP S. BENJAMIN | Term expires 1955 |
| ROBERT E. BRUCE | Term expires 1954 |

Tree Warden

PERCY N. MOORE

Constables

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| ROBERT J. CUTLER | GEORGE E. HITCHCOCK |
| HENRY LACH | HARRY B. LANDEN |
| CHESTER H. NORTON | |

Trustees Harriet Harding Fund

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| EDWARD J. KILLIAN | Term expires 1955 |
| J. FREDERICK LAWRENCE | Term expires 1956 |
| LLEWELLYN B. NORTON | Term expires 1954 |

Appointive Town Officers 1953

Town Accountant

FRANK S. GIFFORD

Superintendent of Streets

GEORGE B. SHERMAN

Chief, Fire Department & Forest Warden

CLARK W. HAYWARD

Inspector of Animals

CHESTER H. NORTON

Inspector of Slaughtering

DANIEL H. WELLS, Jr.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

ERNEST J. COLLETTE

Moth Superintendent

PERCY N. MOORE

Agent, Board of Health

DR. BENJAMIN SCHNEIDER

Burial Agent

ALFRED WIGGLESWORTH

Measurer of Wood and Bark

J. FREDERICK LAWRENCE

Finance Committee

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| NOAH D. FOUNTAIN | Term expires 1956 |
| FENTON R. HASTINGS | Term expires 1956 |
| LEO LAVIGNE | Term expires 1956 |
| DENZIL BAGSTER-COLLINS | Term expires 1955 |
| JOSEPH DMUCHOVSKY | Term expires 1955 |
| SAMUEL ORMSBEE | Term expires 1955 |
| JAMES C. HATCH | Term expires 1954 |
| HERMAN HAVEN | Term expires 1954 |
| THEODORE SKOWYRA | Term expires 1954 |

Jury List

| | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| JOHN P. MOORE | WILLIAM WHITTEN |
| PERCY N. MOORE | THEODORE SKOWYRA |
| VALBERT A. BELANGER | ANDREW W. GONDEK |
| RAYMOND C. RAUCH | VICTOR BONNETTE |
| HAROLD JOHNSTON | |

Treasurer's Report

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1953 | \$50,167.10 | |
| Receipts during year | 218,973.57 | |
| | <hr/> | \$269,140.67 |
| Paid on treasury warrants | \$213,269.87 | |
| Cash on hand December 31, 1953 | 55,870.80 | |
| | <hr/> | \$269,140.67 |

HARRIET T. BROWN,

Town Treasurer

Town Clerk's Report

Licenses Issued For The Division of Fisheries And Game

67 Resident Fishing
 25 Resident Women's Fishing
 10 Resident Minor Fishing
 9 Special Non-Resident Fishing
 3 Non-Resident Fishing
 47 Resident Hunting
 1 Non-Resident Citizen Hunting
 1 Resident Citizen Trapping
 33 Resident Sporting
 20 Resident Sporting (Free)
 5 Resident Military Sporting (Free)
 2 Duplicate

· DOGS LICENSED

| | | | |
|-----------|---|---------|----------|
| 131 Male | @ | \$2.00 | \$262.00 |
| 30 Female | @ | \$5.00 | 150.00 |
| 47 Spayed | @ | \$2.00 | 94.00 |
| 1 Kennel | @ | \$50.00 | 50.00 |
| 3 Kennel | @ | \$25.00 | 75.00 |
| 5 Kennel | @ | \$10.00 | 50.00 |

| | |
|------------------------------|----------|
| | \$681.00 |
| Less Clerk's fees, 217 @ 20¢ | 43.40 |
| Balance paid Treasurer | \$637.60 |

BIRTHS RECORDED

| DATE | NAME | PARENTS |
|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| February | | |
| 3 | Betsy Mae St. Pierre | Normand A. and Marian Panetta |
| 9 | Sheral Marie Roy | Robert L. and Shirley Mae Parks |
| March | | |
| 11 | Rita May Jolin | M. Lee and Madeline M. Aldrich |
| 29 | Kathleen Day Jezek | Edward and Martha E. Ackerman |
| April | | |
| 4 | Lawrence Raymond Bertrand | Wilfred F. and Viola F. Winot |
| 5 | Rosemary Cadieux | Cleophas J. and Anita C. St. Pierre |
| May | | |
| 10 | Stephen Alan Phifer | Robert J. and Beverly A. Hatch |
| June | | |
| 26 | George William Lyons | Robert A. and Florence E. Hawley |
| July | | |
| 13 | Alistair Ian McKinnon | Neil and Elizabeth P. Murdoch |
| 18 | Peter James Antonovitch | Frank L. and Mary L. Champion |
| 18 | Joseph Eugene Killian | Edward J. and Marjorie E. Killian |
| 25 | David Craig Silvius | Charles Kenneth and Vera A. Oetjen |
| 27 | Joseph Frank Jackson, Jr. | Joseph F. and Geneva Wood |
| August | | |
| 19 | Heidi Ann Stanton | Richard H. and Lorraine R. Blake |
| September | | |
| 8 | Roger Anthony Bessette | Richard E. and Harriet E. Plumley |
| November | | |
| 2 | Arthur Francis Branniff | Donald J. and Gabrielle D. LaPlante |
| 5 | Christine Anne Sullivan | Roger J. and Mary C. Saccucci |

| | | |
|----|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 7 | Donald Scott McCormick | Donald and Janet C. Wesson |
| 17 | Philip Austin Smith | Franklin A. and Ruth A. Hawkes |
| 18 | Alan Edward Sherman | John L. and Pia E. Bracci |
| 28 | Susan Marie Haney | James Wesley and Edith G. Allen |
| 28 | Joseph Lee Haney | James Wesley and Edith G. Allen |
| 30 | James Theodore Skowyra | Theodore W. and Mary M. Carter |

1952

May

| | | |
|----|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 17 | Vincent Michael Haley | John E. and Patricia Mary Moore |
|----|-----------------------|---------------------------------|

MARRIAGES RECORDED

| Date | Groom | Residence | Bride | Residence |
|------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|
|------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|

February

| | | | | |
|----|------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------------|
| 14 | Warren L. Potter | Brimfield | Roselba G. Robideau | Ellenburg, N. Y. |
|----|------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------------|

March

| | | | | |
|----|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 21 | Harry A. Phifer | Brimfield | Lucinda A. Lawrence | Brimfield |
| 25 | Harold John Bassett | Springfield | Dorothy Martha MacGillivray | Springfield |

April

| | | | | |
|----|----------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|
| 6 | William Cadieux | Brimfield | Barbara Ann Howlett | Brimfield |
| 11 | Milton Harry Sherman | Brimfield | Shirley Therese Cantwell | Monson |
| 18 | Edgar George Morin | Warren | Ruth Elizabeth MacConnell | Brimfield |
| 18 | Cedric Bruce Burnham | Brimfield | Jean Houghton | Warren |

| Date | Groom | Residence | Bride | Residence |
|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------------|
| June | | | | |
| 6 | Grant H. Smith | | Evelyn A. Tulip | Brimfield |
| | East Longmeadow | | | |
| 13 | Joseph A. Homsher | | Theresa A. Skowyra | Brimfield |
| | Germantown, Pa. | | | |
| 20 | George F. Lezenby | | Marie A. Bagster-Collins | |
| | Vineland, N. J. | | | Brimfield |
| July | | | | |
| 24 | Richard L. Brunker | | Poppy Primpas | Boston |
| | Camden, N. J. | | | |
| 25 | Earl R. Emerson | | Betty Louise Wheeler | |
| | Bradford, Vt. | | | Newbury, Vt. |
| August | | | | |
| 3 | George N. Langlois | | Mary Lazure | Brimfield |
| | East Hartford, Ct. | | | |
| 15 | Anthony R. Magellan, Jr. | | Flora Louise Hill | Brimfield |
| | New Haven, Ct. | | | |
| September | | | | |
| 5 | Russell F. Simonds | | Margaret M. Haney | Brimfield |
| | Southbridge | | | |
| 12 | Edward F. Langevin | | Irene M. Boudriault | Brimfield |
| | Brimfield | | | |
| 12 | Steven Melnick | Warren | Eileen M. Allen | Brimfield |
| November | | | | |
| 7 | John J. Deveno | Brimfield | Mary Jane Cody | Monson |
| 14 | Edward William | | Beatrice Vickers | Shenandoah |
| | Taraskiewicz | Dudley | | Fiskdale |
| December | | | | |
| 12 | Robert W. Picco | Monson | Frances J. Tetreault | Brimfield |

DEATHS RECORDED

| Date | Name | Years | Months | Days |
|-----------|----------------------------|-------|--------|------|
| January | | | | |
| 30 | John A. Mahitka | 59 | 4 | 11 |
| February | | | | |
| 9 | James Arthur Wesson | 81 | 5 | 12 |
| 11 | Alonzo E. Carpenter | 69 | — | — |
| 19 | Sheral Marie Roy | — | — | 10 |
| March | | | | |
| 8 | Edith Lay Cook | 70 | 6 | 8 |
| 27 | David B. Brown | 31 | 9 | 3 |
| April | | | | |
| 5 | James Howlett | 38 | 8 | 25 |
| May | | | | |
| 11 | Joseph Massier | 71 | 1 | 11 |
| 15 | Maurice A. Egan | 73 | 8 | 18 |
| June | | | | |
| 24 | Adelbert F. Carpenter | 67 | 1 | 7 |
| July | | | | |
| 13 | Samuel A. Mantha | 58 | — | — |
| 18 | Herbert Arthur Fogg | 83 | 2 | 15 |
| 21 | Margaret McIntyre LaFlamme | 77 | — | — |
| 28 | Michael A. Mongeon | — | 1 | 24 |
| September | | | | |
| 15 | Lyda Hall Berry | 56 | 3 | 9 |
| 30 | Laura Louise MacGowan | 1 | 0 | 19 |

October

| | | | | |
|----|-----------------------|----|---|----|
| 4 | Gertrude Bowker Allen | 75 | 5 | 24 |
| 16 | Elizabeth Bower Fox | 87 | — | — |

November

| | | | | |
|----|---------------------------|----|----|----|
| 1 | Harley H. Gilman | 60 | 8 | 5 |
| 15 | Harriett Plumley Bessette | 27 | 10 | 8 |
| 21 | Philip G. Costine | — | 4 | — |
| 23 | Louis Gallerini | 69 | 8 | 13 |

Burials From Other Places

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|---|----|
| William H. Laird from Northfield, Vt. | 87 | — | — |
| Marquis Converse from Springfield | 59 | 1 | 25 |
| Orvid Leno from Athol | 76 | 1 | 25 |
| Ida M. Charles from Springfield | 83 | 7 | 21 |
| Fred Lapean from Warren | 60 | — | — |
| Herbert Hearn from Springfield | 74 | — | — |

Respectfully submitted,

MABEL B. PEIRCE

TOWN CLERK

Report of Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

General Revenue—Taxes

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Current year | \$46,814.92 | |
| Previous years | 8,243.80 | |
| Motor vehicle excise tax, 1953 | 5,390.21 | |
| Motor vehicle excise tax, 1952 | 2,654.96 | |
| Classified forest land tax, 1953 | 1,096.80 | |
| Classified forest land tax, 1952 | 257.95 | |
| Reimbursement, loss of taxes, state | 1,305.88 | |
| Meals tax | 436.82 | |
| Income tax | 3,686.92 | |
| Corporation tax | 4,190.38 | |
| Classified forest land tax, 1951 | 29.73 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$74,108.37 |

Grants and Gifts from State

| | | |
|--|----------|----------|
| Veterans' Services | \$276.00 | |
| Dept. of Agriculture | 25.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$301.00 |
| From County, dog fund | | 456.50 |
| From County, reimb. services dog officer | | 78.00 |

Licenses:

| | | |
|--------|------------|------------|
| Liquor | \$1,700.00 | |
| Other | 147.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,847.00 |

Federal Grants:

| | | |
|------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Old Age Assistance | \$9,526.62 | |
| Aid Dependent Children | 1,050.56 | |
| Disability Assistance | 457.77 | |
| | <hr/> | \$11,034.95 |

Highways

| | | |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| From state | \$22,282.00 | |
| From county | 5,047.83 | |
| Town machinery | 6,444.05 | |
| | <hr/> | \$33,773.88 |

Charities

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Welfare relief from state | \$ 65.00 | |
| Welfare relief from other towns | 167.29 | |
| Old Age Assistance from state | 8,765.11 | |
| Old Age Assistance from other town | 107.38 | |
| Aid to dependent children from state | 575.98 | |
| Disability assistance from state | 172.31 | |
| | <hr/> | \$9,853.07 |

Schools

| | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Tuition, town of Wales | \$10,722.74 | |
| H. F. A. Instruction fund | 2,500.00 | |
| Tuition & Transp. from state | 37,675.77 | |
| Sale of old boiler | 100.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$50,998.51 |

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| School lunch receipts | 6,873.70 |
|-----------------------|----------|

Miscellaneous

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Rent of town hall | \$723.00 | |
| Court fines | 169.00 | |
| Library fines | 11.60 | |
| Reimb. digging graves | 179.00 | |
| Reimb. for foundations | 91.00 | |
| Sealer's fees | 30.95 | |
| Demands on poll taxes | 1.40 | |
| Compensation ins. added to fund | 517.79 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,723.24 |

Interest

| | | |
|----------------------|----------|------------|
| On taxes | \$256.55 | |
| Perpetual care funds | 326.89 | |
| Library trust funds | 661.30 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,244.74 |

Municipal Indebtedness

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Highway reimbursement loan | \$17,325.00 |
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Agency and Trust

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|--------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Dog licenses for County | \$ 640.60 | |
| Withholding tax for Fed. Gov't | 7,419.66 | |
| Bequest for perpetual care | 500.00 | |
| County retirement fund | 111.93 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$8,672.19 |

Refunds:

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|----------------------------------|----------|
| Overpayments | \$ 51.83 |
| O. A. A. recovery & cancellation | 631.58 |

\$683.41

Cash on hand beginning of year

\$218,973.57

50,167.10

\$269,140.67

PAYMENTS

General Government

Selectmen

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Salaries, Selectmen | \$750.00 |
| Printing, postage, etc | 38.36 |
| Association dues | 18.00 |
| Dog Officer | 114.70 |
| Filing fees | 10.00 |
| Telephone | 81.18 |
| Other | 28.50 |

\$1,040.74

Balance

59.26

Appropriation

\$1,100.00

Town Accountant

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Salary | \$660.00 |
| Printing, postage, etc | 40.98 |
| Other | 7.21 |

\$708.19

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|-------------------|----------|
| Balance | 1.81 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$710.00 |
| Appropriation | \$700.00 |
| From Reserve Fund | 10.00 |

Treasurer

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Salary | \$500.00 |
| Clerical assistance | 25.00 |
| Printing, Postage, etc. | 92.61 |
| Surety bond | 55.50 |
| Insurance | 33.75 |
| Travel expense | 18.00 |
| Other | 19.25 |

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| | <hr/> |
| | \$744.11 |
| Balance | 55.89 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$800.00 |

Tax Collector

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|------------------------|----------|
| Salary | \$550.00 |
| Surety bond | 123.50 |
| Printing, postage, etc | 221.65 |
| Other | 50.50 |

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| | \$945.65 |
| Balance | 4.35 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$950.00 |
| Appropriation | \$850.00 |
| From reserve fund | 100.00 |

Assessors

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Salaries | \$600.00 |
| Clerical assistance | 210.00 |

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|------------------------|-------|
| Printing, postage, etc | 83.56 |
| Photostats | 55.20 |
| Travel expense | 80.00 |
| Other | 11.50 |

\$1,040.26

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|---------|------|
| Balance | 9.74 |
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| Appropriation | \$1,050.00 |
|---------------|------------|

Town Clerk

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Salary | \$200.00 |
| Recording fees | 59.00 |
| Printing, postage, etc | 25.59 |
| Surety bond | 7.50 |
| Telephone | 23.26 |
| Typewriter | 80.33 |

\$395.68

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|---------|--------|
| Balance | 104.32 |
|---------|--------|

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|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$500.00 |
|---------------|----------|

Election & Registration

| | |
|-------------------|---------|
| Registrars | \$18.00 |
| Election officers | 56.00 |
| Printing | 61.10 |
| Street lists | 130.16 |
| Other | 5.15 |

\$270.41

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|---------|-------|
| Balance | 29.59 |
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| Appropriation | \$300.00 |
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Certifying Notes

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|---------------|---------|
| Certification | \$2.00 |
| Balance | 8.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$10.00 |

Moderator

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| Salary | \$50.00 |
| Appropriation | \$50.00 |

Town Counsel

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| Services | \$100.00* |
| Appropriation | \$100.00 |

Town Hall

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Janitor's salary | \$780.00 |
| Fuel | 491.85 |
| Light | 103.25 |
| Janitor's Supplies | 122.93 |
| Repairs | 1,053.03 |
| Chairs | 18.00 |

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| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,569.06 |
| Balance | 230.94 |

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| Appropriation | <hr/> |
| | \$2,800.00 |

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|---------------------------|--|------------|
| Total, General Government | | \$7,866.10 |
|---------------------------|--|------------|

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

Police

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|----------------------|----------|
| Constables' Services | \$ 25.90 |
| Balance | 124.10 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$150.00 |

Fire Department

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|----------------------|------------|
| Salary, Chief | \$ 50.00 |
| Fire pay rolls | 374.50 |
| Water holes | 64.00 |
| Fire and Oil permits | 134.50 |
| Insurance | 403.11 |
| Rent, repairs, etc | 480.63 |
| Equipment & supplies | 987.04 |
| Telephone | 134.37 |
| Other | 9.63 |
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| | \$2,637.78 |
| | 12.22 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$2,650.00 |

Moth Suppression

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| Labor | \$332.60 |
| Transportation | 17.02 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$349.62 |
| Balance | .38 |
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| Appropriation | \$350.00 |

Tree Warden

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|---------------|----------|
| Salary | \$25.00 |
| Labor | 24.60 |
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| | \$49.60 |
| Balance | 50.40 |
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| Appropriation | \$100.00 |

Sealer of Weights & Measures

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Salary | \$50.00 | |
| Transportation | 15.00 | |
| Supplies and equipment | 9.72 | |
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| | \$74.72 | |
| Balance | .28 | |
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| Appropriation | \$75.00 | |
| Total, Protection Persons & Property | | \$3,137.62 |

Health

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|--|
| Inspection of animals | \$56.00 | |
| Services slaughtering inspector | 12.50 | |
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| | \$68.50 | |
| Balance | 131.50 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Appropriation | \$200.00 | |

HIGHWAYS

Chapter 81

| | | |
|--------------------|-------------|--|
| Labor | \$6,591.99 | |
| Machinery | 6,999.63 | |
| Materials | 5,911.97 | |
| Insurance | 341.41 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$19,845.00 | |
| Town appropriation | \$2,520.00 | |
| State allotment | 17,325.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$19,845.00 | |

Chapter 90 Construction

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Labor | \$29.20 |
| Machinery | 22.40 |
| Insurance | 1.54 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$53.14 |
| Balance carried to 1954 | 7,946.86 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$8,000.00 |

Chapter 90 Construction, 1952 Contract

| | |
|-------------------|------------|
| Labor | \$ 556.70 |
| Machinery | 1,240.40 |
| Materials | 334.19 |
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| Balance from 1952 | \$2,131.29 |

Chapter 90 Maintenance

| | |
|-----------|------------|
| Labor | \$375.83 |
| Machinery | 547.60 |
| Materials | 1,156.77 |
| Insurance | 19.80 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,100.00 |

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|--------------------|------------|
| Town appropriation | \$700.00 |
| State allotment | 700.00 |
| County allotment | 700.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,100.00 |

General Highway

| | |
|-----------|------------|
| Labor | \$1,580.60 |
| Machinery | 966.70 |

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|---------------|------------|
| Materials | 546.90 |
| Insurance | 79.55 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$3,173.75 |
| Balance | 1,826.25 |
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| Appropriation | \$5,000.00 |

Street Lighting

| | |
|----------------|------------|
| Street Lights | \$1,077.96 |
| Traffic signal | 124.36 |
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| | \$1,202.32 |
| Balance | 147.68 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$1,350.00 |

Machinery Account

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Labor | \$307.25 |
| Insurance | 471.72 |
| Gas & Oil | 1,243.63 |
| Rent, supplies & repairs | 5,060.42 |
| Telephone | 92.58 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$7,175.60 |

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|------------------|------------|
| 1952 balance | \$5,309.21 |
| Appro. from fund | 1,385.41 |
| Overdraft | 480.98 |

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| | \$7,175.60 |
| Total Highways | \$35,681.10 |

Charities

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Salaries, welfare board | \$150.00 |
| Medicine & medical care | 383.00 |

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|------------------|--------|
| Groceries & fuel | 402.58 |
| Cash grant | 20.00 |
| Hospital | 231.00 |

\$1,186.58

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|---------|--------|
| Balance | 334.71 |
|---------|--------|

\$1,521.29

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|------------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$1,500.00 |
| Refunds, overp't | 21.29 |

\$1,521.29

Old Age Assistance

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Federal grants balance, 1952 | \$934.91 |
| Federal grants 1953 | 8,791.59 |
| Recovery | 542.22 |
| Cancellation | 39.50 |
| Town appropriation | 12,000.00 |

\$22,308.22

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|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash grants | \$20,906.26 |
| By other towns | 222.02 |
| Balance in town appropriation | 778.30 |
| Balance in Federal funds | 401.64 |

\$22,308.22

Aid to Dependent Children

| | |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Federal grants balance, 1952 | \$66.03 |
| Federal grants 1953 | 1,072.40 |
| Town appropriation | 1,500.00 |

\$2,638.43

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|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Cash grants | \$2,168.92 | |
| Balance in Federal funds | 80.82 | |
| Balance in town appropriation | 388.69 | |
| | <hr/> | \$2,638.43 |

Old Age Assistance, Administration

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Balance in Federal funds, 1952 | \$75.98 | |
| Federal grants 1953 | 735.03 | |
| Town appropriation | 700.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,511.01 |

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|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Salaries and services | \$1,360.37 | |
| Balance in Federal funds | 150.64 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,511.01 |

Aid to Dependent Children, Administration

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Balance in Federal funds, 1952 | \$90.88 | |
| Federal grants 1953 | 35.16 | |
| | <hr/> | \$126.04 |

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|-------------------------|---------|----------|
| Expended | \$39.00 | |
| Balance carried to 1954 | 87.04 | |
| | <hr/> | \$126.04 |

Disability Assistance

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Balance in Federal funds 1952 | \$92.40 | |
| Town appropriation | 500.00 | |
| Federal grants 1953 | 422.30 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,014.70 |

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|-------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Cash grants | \$746.42 | |
| Balance in Federal funds | 43.78 | |
| Balance in town appropriation | 224.50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,014.70 |

Disability Assistance, Administration

| | |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Federal grant | \$29.07 |
| Balance carried to 1954 | 29.07 |

Veterans' Service District

| | | |
|---------------------|----------|-------------|
| Paid treasurer | \$707.00 | |
| Balance | 15.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Raised by Assessors | \$722.00 | |
| Total, Charities | | \$27,336.57 |

Veterans' Benefits

| | | |
|--------------------|----------|------------|
| Town appropriation | \$500.00 | |
| From reserve fund | 535.50 | |
| Overdraft | 167.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Expended | | \$1,202.50 |

Veterans' Benefits

| | | |
|-------------------|----------|------------|
| Expended | | \$1,202.50 |
| Appropriation | \$500.00 | |
| From reserve fund | 535.50 | |
| Overdraft | 167.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$1,202.50 |

Schools

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| General Administration | \$3,104.84 |
| Teachers' Salaries | 37,776.50 |

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| Text books & supplies | 4,018.22 |
| Janitor service | 3,391.84 |
| Fuel and light | 2,946.14 |
| Repairs | 637.39 |
| Health | 655.23 |
| Transportation | 16,143.83 |
| Janitor's supplies | 340.44 |
| New equipment | 636.30 |
| Care of grounds | 477.00 |
| Graduation expense | 45.00 |
| Insp. boilers | 20.00 |

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|---------|-------------|
| | \$70,192.73 |
| Balance | 2,482.81 |

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|------------------|-------------|
| | \$72,675.54 |
| Appropriation | \$72,645.00 |
| Refund overpay't | 30.54 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$72,675.54 |

Trade School Tuition & Transportation

| | |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Tuition paid Springfield | \$79.08 |
| Tuition paid Southbridge | 450.00 |
| Transportation | 330.00 |

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|---------|----------|
| | \$859.08 |
| Balance | 140.92 |

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|---------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$1,000.00 |
|---------------|------------|

School Lunch Program

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|-----------------------|------------|
| Receipts from lunches | \$5,060.07 |
| From State | 1,813.63 |
| 1952 Balance | 455.57 |

\$7,329.27

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|-------------------------|------------|
| Labor | \$2,216.09 |
| Groceries & provisions | 4,174.04 |
| Other | 804.48 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$7,194.61 |
| Balance carried to 1954 | 134.66 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$7,329.27 |

Tantasqua Regional School

| | |
|----------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$4,439.70 |
| Paid treasurer | \$4,439.70 |

Library

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Salary, Librarian | \$600.00 |
| Assistant at E. Brimfield | 26.00 |
| Janitor | 180.00 |
| Books | 275.47 |
| Periodicals | 62.95 |
| Fuel | 192.49 |
| Light | 47.44 |
| Insurance | 28.75 |
| Repairs | 486.71 |
| Janitor's supplies | 45.90 |
| Other | 14.40 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,960.11 |
| Balance | 57.69 |
| | <hr/> |

\$2,017.80

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|----------------------------|----------|
| Town appropriation | \$900.00 |
| Dog Fund | 456.50 |
| Income from funds | 203.16 |
| Lincoln fund (for repairs) | 458.14 |
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\$2,017.80

Common

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Labor and supplies | \$143.32 |
| Balance | 56.68 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$200.00 |

Memorial Day

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Plants | \$72.80 |
| Flags | 31.17 |
| Music | 16.48 |
| Other | 4.55 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$125.00 |

Property Insurance

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Premiums paid | \$500.00 |
| Appropriation | \$500.00 |

Compensation Insurance

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|---------------|------------|
| Premium paid | \$1,087.58 |
| Appropriation | \$1,087.58 |

Aid to Agriculture

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| Appropriation | \$75.00 |
| Expended | 75.00 |

Retirement Fund

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Raised by Assessors | \$479.98 |
| Expended | \$479.98 |

Town Reports

| | |
|----------|----------|
| Printing | \$474.60 |
| Postage | 20.50 |

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|--------------------|-------|
| Typing and mailing | 20.00 |
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| | <hr/> |
| | \$515.10 |
| Balance | 34.90 |

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| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$550.00 |

Interest

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|----------------------|----------|
| On Highway loan | \$231.48 |
| On Tractor loan | 14.78 |
| On Schoolhouse bonds | 930.00 |

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| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,176.26 |

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|-------------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$1,150.00 |
| From Reserve fund | 26.26 |

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| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,176.26 |

Cemetery

| | |
|-------|----------|
| Labor | \$652.34 |
| Other | 111.93 |

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| | <hr/> |
| | \$764.27 |
| Balance | 10.73 |

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| | <hr/> |
| | \$775.00 |

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|-------------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$750.00 |
| From Reserve fund | 25.00 |

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| | <hr/> |
| | \$775.00 |

Indebtedness

| | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Highway Loan | \$25,725.00 |
| Schoolhouse bonds | 8,000.00 |
| Tractor loan | 1,000.00 |

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| | <hr/> |
| | \$34,725.00 |

Agency and Trust

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| State Audit & Parks | \$1,299.33 |
| County Tax | 2,523.60 |
| Dog licenses for County | 640.60 |
| Perpetual Care funds | 326.89 |
| Withholding tax | 7,419.66 |
| County Hospital assessment | 83.20 |
| Trust Funds deposited | 500.00 |
| County Retirement fund | 111.93 |
| Teachers Retirement Board | 123.14 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$13,028.35 |

Refunds

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Motor Vehicle Excise tax | \$422.44 |
| Property and poll taxes | 288.95 |
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| | 711.39 |
| Total expenditures | \$213,269.87 |
| Cash on hand end of year | 55,870.80 |
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| | \$269,140.67 |

FRANK S. GIFFORD

Town Accountant

*The following is quoted, in part, from a letter received by the selectmen from Judge Hobson:

In view of the fact that I have not been called upon to give a single bit of advice in 1953, I feel that it would be very unfair for me to accept this money. I have

therefor endorsed the check to the town of Brimfield and am returning it to you.

I have appreciated the opportunity I have had to serve the town of Brimfield as counsel for many, many years. Some years ago I resigned as counsel for the towns of Palmer and Wilbraham and since then have not kept posted on town law, so that I feel it is more difficult for me to advise regarding town matters than it used to be. Under the circumstances, I think you should appoint someone else as your counsel.

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1953

| Assets | | Liabilities | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1953 | \$55,870.80 | Overlay, levy of 1951 | \$ 116.70 |
| Taxes, levy of 1953 | 7,046.60 | Overlay surplus | 5,621.45 |
| levy of 1952 | 1,867.89 | Revenue reserved until collected: | |
| levy of 1951 | 116.70 | Departmental revenue | \$1,318.98 |
| Classified Forest land tax, 1953 | 201.12 | Class. Forest land tax | 232.20 |
| Classified Forest land tax, 1952 | 31.08 | M. V. Excise tax | 5,752.63 |
| Motor vehicle excise tax, 1953 | 4,758.26 | Tax title revenue | 929.33 |
| Motor vehicle excise tax, 1952 | 994.37 | | |
| Tax titles held by town | 373.72 | | |
| Tax possessions | 555.61 | | |
| Due from State a/c highways | 18,110.00 | Road machinery fund | 8,233.14 |
| Due from County a/c highways | 2,700.00 | Compensation insurance fund | 5,406.93 |
| Overlay 1953, deficit | 8.64 | Account balances | 447.06 |
| Overlay 1952, deficit | 7.76 | carried to 1954: | |
| State tax, under-estimate | 52.15 | Federal grant, O.A.A. | \$552.28 |
| Overdrafts: | | Federal grant, A.D.C. | 167.86 |
| Machinery account | 480.98 | School lunch program | 134.66 |
| Veterans' benefits | 167.00 | Civilian defense | 75.30 |
| Accounts receivable: | | Federal grant, disab. assist. | 72.85 |
| General relief | 238.70 | | |
| Old Age Asst. | 892.52 | | |

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|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| Aid Dep. Children | 120.76 | | |
| Veterans' Services | 67.00 | | |
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| Center school addition | 2,288.08 | | |
| Chapter 90 constr. | 7,946.86 | | |
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| | | 11,237.89 | |
| County tax, over-estimate | | 33.27 | |
| County hospital, over-estimate | | 98.65 | |
| Highway reimbursement loan | | 17,325.00 | |
| Surplus revenue | | 46,131.57 | |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | | \$94,661.66 |

TRUST FUNDS

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|--|
| Trust and Investment funds: | | | |
| Cash on deposit | | | |
| | \$39,262.20 | | |
| Harriet Harding, Charity | | \$2,894.98 | |
| Burns Family, School | | 1,035.38 | |
| Harriet Allen, School | | 767.21 | |
| Cemetery Gate Fund | | 37.50 | |
| Cemetery Wall Fund | | 418.11 | |
| Pearsall Monument Fund | | 223.14 | |
| Hoyt Animal Cemetery Fund | | 402.00 | |
| Perpetual Care Funds | | 21,812.17 | |

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| Library Funds: | |
| Mary K. Hyde | \$ 831.50 |
| U. J. Shaw | 2,489.09 |
| E. C. Flynt | 103.52 |
| Julia E. Coy | 645.04 |

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| A. G. Tarbell | 200.00 | |
| Elizabeth B. Robinson | 411.41 | |
| Fitzhenry Warren | 1,000.00 | |
| Emily Woods | 500.00 | |
| Chamberlain-Smith | 704.14 | |
| Lincoln Building Fund | 3,787.01 | |
| Burns Family | 1,000.00 | |
| | <u>11,671.71</u> | |
| | | <u>\$39,262.20</u> |

OUTSTANDING DEBT

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1953:
 Old schoolhouse loan
 New schoolhouse loan
 Tractor loan

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | Net bonded debt | 36 |
| \$ 8,000.00 | | |
| 43,000.00 | | |
| 978.00 | | |
| <u>\$51,978.00</u> | | |
| | | <u>\$51,978.00</u> |

Tax Collector's Report

1953

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|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Commitments as per warrants | \$56,909.20 |
| Abatements, refunded | 98.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$57,007.20 |
| Cash to treasurer | \$47,911.72 |
| Abatements | 1,822.80 |
| To tax titles | 24.96 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 49,759.48 |
| | <hr/> |
| Outstanding Dec. 31, 1953 | \$7,247.72 |

1952

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Outstanding January 1, 1953 | \$9,149.37 |
| Abatements, refunded | 190.95 |
| Commitment | 18.24 |
| Audit adjustment | 275.14 |
| | \$9,633.70 |
| Cash to treasurer | \$7,275.77 |
| Abatements | 371.74 |
| To tax titles | 87.22 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$7,734.73 |
| | <hr/> |
| Outstanding December 31, 1953 | \$1,898.97 |

1951

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Outstanding January 1, 1953 | \$1,708.72 |
| Audit adjustment | 68.75 |

\$1,777.47

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|-------------------|------------|
| Cash to treasurer | \$1,330.39 |
| To tax titles | 73.98 |
| Abatements | 135.95 |
| Audit adjustment | 120.45 |

\$1,660.77

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| Outstanding December 31, 1953 | \$116.70 |
|-------------------------------|----------|

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1953

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|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Commitments as per warrants | \$10,205.39 |
| Abatements, refunded | 180.90 |

\$10,386.29

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| Cash to treasurer | \$5,390.21 |
| Abatements | 237.82 |

\$5,628.03

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| Outstanding December 31, 1953 | \$4,758.26 |
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1952

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| Outstanding January 1, 1953 | \$2,701.31 |
| Commitments in 1953 | 996.27 |
| Abatements, refunded | 241.54 |
| Overpayment | .03 |

\$3,939.15

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| Cash to treasurer | \$2,654.96 | |
| Abatements | 289.82 | |
| | <hr/> | \$2,944.78 |
| Outstanding December 31, 1953 | | <hr/> \$994.37 |

1951

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| Outstanding January 1, 1953 | \$221.80 |
| Abatements | 221.80 |

BARBARA M. BROWN,

Collector of Taxes

Memorial Day Committee

The usual observance of Memorial Day was made possible by the assistance of the American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, teachers and pupils of the town schools.

Special thanks are due to Vi's Place for the ice cream given to the pupils.

GEORGE HITCHCOCK

PERCY MOORE

RAYMOND LEMMELIN

EVERETT D. LANDEN

MARGARET GILMAN

GLADYS L. WEBBER

May 1953—

Cemetery Commissioners' Report

To the Citizens of Brimfield:

The only item of unusual interest concerning the cemetery operations during 1953 was that of fifteen graves opened, seven were for non-residents. For these openings together with the usual amount of foundation setting, \$270.00 was received and paid over to the treasurer.

For the coming year, a normal expenditure for maintenance is anticipated. Items of additional cost to be met include repairs to the large power mower and purchase of a new ground canvas and a used pick-up truck. It is estimated that a total appropriation of \$1,140.00 will be sufficient.

Respectfully submitted,

CHENEY F. NEWTON

GEORGE E. HITCHCOCK

EVERETT D. LANDEN

Amounts expended for General Care of Cemetery

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| George Hitchcock | \$255.89 |
| Kenneth Brown | 97.91 |
| Howard Brown | 44.00 |
| Charles Hitchcock | 4.68 |
| Louis Martin | 2.20 |
| Cheney Newton | 11.60 |
| Lyman Stanton | 3.30 |
| Armand Hufault | 81.75 |
| John Lach | 62.40 |
| Donald Hufault | 1.50 |
| Joseph Travers | 5.50 |
| Gordon Brown | 15.50 |
| Melvin Osgood | 72.05 |
| Brimfield Garage | 31.72 |
| Dick's Service Station | 3.95 |
| Haley's Grain Store | 7.30 |
| Arthur Brown | 15.00 |
| James Adams | 2.00 |
| Hatch's Village Store | 6.14 |
| Weidenmiller & Magovern | 20.88 |
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| | \$764.27 |

Amounts expended for Perpetual Care

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|---------------------|----------|
| George Hitchcock | \$117.25 |
| Kenneth Brown | 55.29 |
| Louis Martin | 3.10 |
| Armand Hufault | 32.75 |
| Howard Brown | 28.60 |
| John Lach | 29.70 |
| Arthur Brown | 2.20 |
| Gordon Brown | 6.00 |
| Donald Hufault | 20.50 |
| Melvin Osgood | 27.50 |
| Haley's Grain Store | 1.25 |
| Brimfield Garage | 2.45 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$326.59 |

Highways

AMOUNTS EXPENDED UNDER CHAPTER 81

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| George B. Sherman | \$1,893.99 |
| Ralph Stanton | 1,355.75 |
| Alfred Houle | 839.85 |
| L. V. Howlett | 958.10 |
| Ed. Supernor | 219.45 |
| Richard Stanton | 110.55 |
| Richard Hayward | 343.75 |
| John Sherman | 13.20 |
| Charles Sherman | 308.55 |
| Raymond Clarke | 67.10 |
| Ernest Pelletier | 60.50 |
| Andrew Gondek | 54.90 |
| Charles Lane | 60.50 |
| Ronald Cutler | 52.80 |
| Stuart Worby | 8.80 |
| William Cadieux | 88.00 |
| Hermidas Normandin | 50.60 |
| Quentin Foley | 96.80 |
| Roland Horton | 8.80 |
| N. E. Metal Culvert Co. | 1,484.75 |
| Barrett Division | 3,432.60 |
| Hatch's Store | 91.05 |
| Haley's Grain Store | 24.20 |
| State Prison Colony | 69.50 |
| Asphalt Paving Corp. | 89.40 |
| B & M Asphalt Corp. | 161.70 |
| Dick's Service Station | 5.00 |
| Worcester Foundry Co. | 80.80 |

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| E. N. Christiansen | 5.30 |
| Camosse Bros. | 82.82 |
| City Truck Co. | 4.63 |
| Charles Chase | 200.00 |
| Blake Bros. | 320.00 |
| Charles Hebert | 263.50 |
| John Moran | 530.00 |
| Ed. Supernor | 30.00 |
| Leonard Poirier | 637.00 |
| Town of East Brookfield | 206.00 |
| E. J. Smart | 192.00 |
| L. V. Howlett | 75.75 |
| Otto Anderson | 38.70 |
| Barbara Brown | 18.00 |
| W. W. Jurczyk | 15.75 |
| E. G. Roberts | 80.05 |
| Louis Gagliardi | 151.97 |
| Compensation insurance | 341.41 |
| Machinery | 4,621.13 |
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| | \$19,845.00 |

Amounts expended under Chapter 90 Construction

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| George B. Sherman | \$211.70 |
| Ralph Stanton | 158.40 |
| Alfred Houle | 145.20 |
| L. V. Howlett | 41.80 |
| Renaldo Pascale | 20.00 |
| Charles Sherman | 8.80 |
| N. E. Metal Culvert Co. | 10.35 |
| Haley's Grain Store | 63.80 |
| Camosse Bros. | 17.00 |
| Ralph Moulton, Jr. | 80.00 |
| Dick's Esso Station | 4.75 |
| E. Supernor | 48.00 |
| Ernest Smart | 384.00 |

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|------------------------|------------|
| John Moran | 49.00 |
| T. Aliengena | 5.00 |
| Charles Hebert | 68.00 |
| Ernest Roberts | 118.95 |
| Compensation insurance | 30.88 |
| Town machinery | 718.80 |
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| | \$2,184.43 |

Amounts expended under General Highway

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| George B. Sherman | \$501.70 |
| Ralph Stanton | 338.80 |
| Raymond Clarke | 212.30 |
| P. Therrien | 22.00 |
| L. V. Howlett | 77.00 |
| Andrew Gondek | 52.80 |
| Alfred Houle | 42.90 |
| E. Supernor | 34.10 |
| Milton Sherman | 1.10 |
| William Whitten | 4.40 |
| Charles Sherman | 91.10 |
| John Sherman | 45.10 |
| Roland Horton | 55.00 |
| Frank Nilson | 24.20 |
| James Howlett | 53.90 |
| Norman Howlett | 7.70 |
| Stuart Worby | 16.50 |
| Haley's Grain Store | 2.70 |
| Asphalt Paving Corp. | 39.00 |
| Hatch's Store | 29.35 |
| Chemical Corp. | 351.00 |
| Irving Pratt | 4.00 |

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| N. D. Fountain | 99.20 | |
| Louis Gagliardi | 21.65 | |
| Compensation insurance | 79.55 | |
| Town machinery | 966.70 | |
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| | | \$3,173.75 |

Amounts expended under Chapter 90 Maintenance

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------|------------|
| George B. Sherman | \$80.43 | |
| Ralph Stanton | 61.05 | |
| Alfred Houle | 29.70 | |
| L. V. Howlett | 61.05 | |
| Richard Hayward | 20.90 | |
| Charles Sherman | 20.90 | |
| Ronald Cutler | 20.90 | |
| Hermidas Normandin | 23.65 | |
| Charles Lane | 28.60 | |
| Ernest Pelletier | 28.60 | |
| Barrett Division | 1,110.02 | |
| John Moran | 133.00 | |
| Blake Brothers | 95.00 | |
| Charles Hebert | 80.75 | |
| Town of East Brookfield | 98.75 | |
| Barbara Brown | 7.00 | |
| Charles Chaffee | 15.00 | |
| Town of Holland | 8.40 | |
| Louis Gagliardi | 39.75 | |
| Compensation insurance | 19.80 | |
| Town machinery | 117.60 | |
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| | | \$2,100.00 |

Amounts expended from the Machinery Account

| | |
|-------------------|----------|
| George B. Sherman | \$137.75 |
| Ralph Stanton | 104.50 |
| Raymond Clarke | 30.80 |

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| L. V. Howlett | 22.00 |
| C. F. Newton | 12.20 |
| William D. Spooner | 471.72 |
| Socony-Vacuum Oil Co. | 1,238.06 |
| Brimfield Garage | 720.35 |
| Valley Garage | 349.71 |
| Eastern Equipment Sales | 65.00 |
| Griswold's Garage | 2.50 |
| Zabek Motor Sales | 1,624.46 |
| Bowker-Hamblin | 1,118.08 |
| Hatch's Store | 13.48 |
| Walsh Holyoke Boiler Works | 303.84 |
| C. A. Krohne & Sons | 13.67 |
| C. H. Knight, Inc. | 33.00 |
| Gulf Oil Corp. | 5.57 |
| Tyler Equipment Corp. | 701.46 |
| Telephone | 92.53 |
| Hitchcock Academy | 100.00 |

\$7,175.60

Report of The Board of Public Welfare and Bureau of Old Age Assistance

Aid has been granted according to budgetary standards, to an average of 24 Old age Assistance cases, 1 Aid to Dependent Children case, and 1 Disability Assistance case, and 5 General Relief cases in 1953. The addition of new cases has been offset by deaths and voluntary withdrawals. We start the new year with 24 OAA cases, 1 DA case, 2 ADC cases and two GR Cases. In the G.R. category, one is a state reimbursed case, and the other is a temporary aid case with settlement in another town.

A more rigid statewide Medical program is being incorporated into the local administration, and becomes mandatory for state and federal reimbursement by July 1, 1954. The program requires pre-authorization for all medicine and physician's services, with direct reports quarterly by the physician to the Board on all chronic cases. Due to the absence of a resident physician, in the town, the problem is a serious one, but is being carefully studied with a promise of an early solution.

In February 1953, Albert R. Dupsha, a permanent part-time Welfare Worker was appointed from qualified civil service lists and has been administering the aforementioned programs from the office in the Town Hall. Office Hours are 1-5:30 P.M. on Wednesday for those

who wish to place applications with the Board and/or to answer any questions of present recipients. All files and information pertaining to the recipients are strictly confidential, as required by law, but the Board wishes to invite any who are interested in how the programs are administered, to visit the office at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Welfare Board

ALBERT R. DUPSHA, Welfare Worker

J. FREDERICK LAWRENCE, Chairman

MRS. NANCY COX

LLEWELLYN B. NORTON

Report of Assessors

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| Town appropriations raised by taxation | \$107,090.32 |
| Appropriated from available funds | 36,772.37 |
| State Parks | 120.97 |
| State Audit | 1,175.98 |
| County tax | 2,556.87 |
| Tuberculosis hospital assessment | 181.85 |
| Overlay | 1,800.24 |
| Vet's service district assessment | 722.00 |
| Retirement fund | 479.98 |
| Overlay 1952, deficit | 613.11 |
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| | \$151,513.69 |
| Available funds and estimated receipts | 95,952.41 |
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| Net amount to be raised by taxation | \$55,561.28 |
| 400 polls @ \$2.00 | 800.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Tax assessed on property | \$54,761.28 |
| Valuation of personal property | \$180,590.00 |
| Valuation of real estate | 960,270.00 |
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| Total valuation | \$1,140,860.00 |
| Tax rate \$48.00 per \$1,000. | |
| Tax assessed on motor vehicles | \$10,205.39 |

EDWARD J. KILLIAN

JOHN M. HALEY

JOHN P. MOORE

Board of Assessors

BUDGET FOR 1954

| | Appro. 1953 | Exp. 1953 | Finance Com. Approval |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Selectmen | \$1,100.00 | \$1,040.74 | \$1,100.00 |
| Moderator | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Accountant | 700.00 | 708.19 | 700.00 |
| Treasurer | 800.00 | 744.11 | 750.00 |
| Collector | 850.00 | 954.65 | 1,000.00 |
| Assessors | 1,050.00 | 1,040.26 | 1,050.00 |
| Election & Registration | 300.00 | 270.41 | 600.00 |
| Certifying notes | 10.00 | 2.00 | 10.00 |
| Town Clerk | 500.00 | 395.68 | 450.00 |
| Town Hall | 2,800.00 | 2,569.06 | 2,400.00 |
| Town Counsel | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| Police | 150.00 | 25.90 | 100.00 |
| Fire Department | 2,500.00 | 2,637.78 | 2,200.00 |
| Sealer | 75.00 | 74.72 | 75.00 |
| Moth Suppression | 350.00 | 349.62 | 500.00 |
| Tree Warden | 100.00 | 49.60 | 100.00 |
| Reserve Fund | 750.00 | | 750.00 |
| Health | 200.00 | 68.50 | 200.00 |
| Highways: | | | |
| Chapter 81 | 2,520.00 | 2,520.00 | 2,520.00 |
| Chap. 90 Constr. | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Chap. 90 Maint. | 700.00 | 700.00 | 1,000.00 |
| General Highway | 5,000.00 | 3,173.75 | 5,000.00 |
| Street Lighting | 1,250.00 | 1,202.32 | 1,250.00 |
| Charity (Public Welfare) | 1,500.00 | 1,186.58 | 1,300.00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 12,000.00 | 11,221.70 | 12,000.00 |
| Aid to Dep. Children | 1,500.00 | 1,111.31 | 1,500.00 |

| | Appro. 1953 | Exp. 1953 | Finance Com. Approval |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Disability Assistance | 500.00 | 275.50 | 300.00 |
| Old Age Asst. Admin. | 700.00 | 700.00 | 700.00 |
| Veterans' Benefits | 500.00 | 1,202.50 | 1,000.00 |
| Schools | 72,645.00 | 70,192.73 | 67,685.00 |
| Tuition & transp. trade sch. | 1,000.00 | 859.08 | 1,000.00 |
| Tantasqua School | 4,439.70 | 4,439.70 | |
| Tantasqua School Constr'n | | | *16,295.81 |
| Tantasqua School Operation | | | 15,771.21 |
| Library | 900.00 | 900.00 | 900.00 |
| Common | 200.00 | 143.32 | 200.00 |
| Memorial Day | 125.00 | 125.00 | 125.00 |
| Insurance | 500.00 | 500.00 | 930.00 |
| Town Reports | 550.00 | 515.10 | 550.00 |
| Cemetery | 750.00 | 764.27 | 1,140.00 |
| Interest | 1,150.00 | 1,176.26 | 1,100.00 |
| County Retirement fund | 479.98 | 479.98 | 549.57 |
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| | \$123,294.68 | \$117,061.32 | \$147,951.59 |

*The finance committee recommends this item be appropriated from surplus funds in the treasury.

Report of the Finance Committee

At its regular meeting of the new fiscal year, on April 6, the finance committee elected the following officers: Noah D. Fountain, chairman; Sumner D. Barr, vice-chairman; Denzil Bagster-Collins, secretary. At the request of the selectmen the committee reconsidered its recommendation for the salary of fire chief, in the light of the action taken at the recent Annual Town Meeting, when by motion from the floor, the salary of this appointive office had been increased from \$50 to \$200. Under State law, the committee was informed, the selectmen are responsible for the appointment and salary of fire chief, and therefore the vote in Town Meeting had no legal force. After reviewing the applicable section of state law and considering the duties of the office and the salary paid in nearby towns, the committee recommended an increase in salary from \$50 to \$100. It was decided to hold no further meetings, except on call by the chairman, until the second Monday in September.

Regular meetings were held on September 14 and October, but there being no business to transact, the meetings were brief.

On November 8 the committee took up a number of items referred to it by the selectmen for information. Among these was the need for including an item in the forthcoming budget for the cost of taking a State Census on January 1, 1955. Another was the question of whether it might not be better in the next budget to increase the library appropriation by the amount usually turned over

each year from the sale of dog licenses and use the income from the latter to pay the salary of the dog officer. (However, at a subsequent meeting the committee learned that state law requires the dog officer to be paid out of the selectmen's account; receipts from the dog tax may be used only for the support of the library or the schools).

At the regular meeting on December 7, a letter was read from the assistant secretary of the Tantasqua Regional District School, asking that there be no duplication in requesting school funds for grades 7-12, beginning September, 1954, since it was confidently expected that the new school would be finished by that time. If it was not, the committee was informed, arrangements had been made for the regional high school to pay tuition for these grades until such time as the new school was ready to open. At the same meeting Selectman Adams outlined the growing need for providing suitable office space in the Town Hall for the more efficient performance of such duties as those of town clerk, tax collector, and the welfare board. He reported at this time that the veteran's benefit account was almost exhausted and that a transfer of money from the finance committee's reserve fund would probably be needed before the end of the year.

At a special meeting on December 14, the committee acted on a letter from the town accountant requesting the transfer of the following amounts from the reserve fund: town accountant, \$10; tax collector, \$100; Veteran's benefits, \$535.50; cemetery, \$25; interest, \$26.26.

A short meeting was held on January 4, and on February 1 the committee decided to schedule special meetings for February 8 and 9 to discuss with the various town officers their budget requests for 1954.

On February 8 the committee met with Mr. Hayward and carefully reviewed the budget requests for the fire department, giving special attention to various non-recurring items that would increase the budget substantially above that of previous years, and far above the amount recommended by the town accountant. Mr. Landen presented the budget for the cemetery, and Mr. Benjamin, the budget for the library. In response to the committee's request the latter outlined the way in which funds from different sources, including those derived from the dog tax, were used for the support of the library. Thereafter the committee met with selectmen Adams and Gondek to discuss other items in the budget and to review all articles in the town warrant dealing with fiscal matters. There was extended discussion concerning two articles having to do with the purchase and sale of land by the Town. In closed session the committee considered and made its recommendations for all items on the 1954 budget, as prepared by the town accountant, except those of the school committee and the welfare board.

Members of the school committee and Superintendent Ladd appeared before the committee on February 9. Following a careful comparison of all costs of operation for 1953 and 1954, the committee turned its attention to the question of why, with the expected opening of the Tantasqua Regional District School, the budgetary request showed so small a decrease. The point was made that savings in operating costs for the local school would not begin until September, and that these would in part be off-set by increases in salary and the need for employing an additional teacher to care for the overload in the present first grade as it advanced through the elementary school. In addition, the school committee must,

under the existing agreement, provide bus transportation for its own pupils to the site of the regional district school, at an anticipated cost of \$3000.

Budget requests for the several accounts under the welfare board were presented by Mr. Lawrence, who readily answered all questions about federal and state reimbursement in each instance. Then in closed session the committee acted upon the remaining items in the budget. It was decided to hold a special meeting immediately before the annual Town Meeting to take final action on the articles in the Town Warrant dealing with fiscal matters.

The committee, in compliance with sections 4 and 5 of the Town By-laws, reports that it has held ten regular and special meetings during the year. The members of the committee wish to express their keen appreciation for the fine cooperation accorded them by the town officers and departments. They are especially grateful to the selectmen for keeping them so well informed of plans and projects under consideration, in advance of any need for immediate action.

Respectfully submitted,

DENZIL BAGSTER-COLLINS

Secretary

Librarian's Report

1953 has been a successful year at the Library. New books have been received at regular intervals, which increases interest in the library. Those interested in "Adventure in Reading" will now find the books at the Library.

During the year we have received several gifts to add to the mementos of by-gone years. The great, great granddaughter of Rev. Nehemiah Williams, minister of the Congregational Church 1775-1796, presented to the library a ring, the stone of which was taken from the forehead of a stone figure found in the Roman ruins of Carthage after the war with Tripoli. It is believed that the man who brought the stone to the United States and gave it to the Rev. Williams, was General William Eaton.

Mr. Stephen Pierce found an Indian axe on the Morgan farm and gave it to the library. Mr. Reid found and gave to the library an enlarged picture of the first electric car which came to Brimfield in 1907.

This coming June will be the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the library.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET E. DUNSMORE

Librarian

NOW BOOKS ADDED LAST YEAR

FICTION

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Blythe, LeGette | Bold Galilean |
| Brand, Christianna | Fog of Doubt |
| Bromfield, Louis | Malabar Farm |
| Browne, Douglas G. | Too Many Cousins |
| Buck, Pearl S. | Come my Beloved |
| Chatterton, Ruth | The Betrayers |
| Christie, Agatha | Funerals are Fatal |
| Coles, Manning | A Toast to Tomorrow |
| Cook, David C. | Best Detective Stories - 1953 |
| Cronin, A. J. | Beyond this Place |
| du Maurier, Daphne | Kiss Me Again, Stranger |
| Gallico, Paul | Snowflake |
| Gann, Ernest K. | The High and the Mighty |
| Gilbert, Michael | Fear to Tread |
| Giles, Janice H. | The Kentuckians |
| Godden, Rumer | Kingfishers Catch Fire |
| Goodman, Jack | Fireside Book of Dog Stories |
| Goudge, Elizabeth | The Heart of the Family |
| Hawthorn, E. M. D. | Quietly she lies |
| Hilton, James | Time and Time Again |
| Hodgins, Eric | Mr. Blandings builds his Dream House |
| Ice, Orva Lee | Tomorrow is Yours |
| Idell, Albert | The Corner Store |
| Lantz, J. Edward | Stories to Grow By |
| Llewellyn, Richard | A Flame for Doubting Thomas |
| Mainwaring, Marion | Murder at Midyears |
| Manchester, William | The City of Anger |
| Mason, F. Van Wyck | Golden Admiral |
| Maule, Harry & Cane, Melville | A Man from Main Street |
| Mayo, Eleanor | Swan's Harbor |
| Paradis, Marjorie B. | Time is Now |
| Phillips, John | The Second Happiest Day |
| Procter, Maurice | The Pennycross Murder |

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| Rohmer, Sax | The Mask of Fu Manchu |
| Routsong, Alma | A Gradual Joy |
| Selinko, Annemarie | Desiree |
| Shellabarger, Samuel | Lord Vanity |
| Sneider, Vern | A Pail of Oysters |
| Sone, Monica | Nisei Daughter |
| Terrill, Rogers | The Argosy Book of Sea Stories |
| Thane, Elswyth | Yankee Stranger |
| Waltari, Mika | The Dark Angel |
| Williams, Ben Ames | The Unconquered |

NON-FICTION

| | |
|---|--------------------------|
| The Holy Bible - Revised Standard Version | |
| Allen, Frederick L. | The Big Change |
| Balsan, Consuelo Vanderbilt | The Glitter and the Gold |
| Barton, Bruce | What can a man Believe? |
| Breckinridge, Mary | Wide Neighborhood |
| Bristol, Claude | Magic of Believing |
| Brody, Iles | Gone with the Windsors |
| Burman, Ben Lucien | Children of Noah |
| Cole, William | Best Humor from Punch |
| Cooke, Greville | The Light of the World |
| Corbett, Jim | Jungle Lore |
| Croy, Homer | Our Will Rogers |
| Curran, Charles W. | |
| Handbook of T. V. and Film Technique | |
| Eisenberg, Helen and Larry | |
| Handbook of Skits and Stunts | |
| Flores, Maria | The Woman with the Whip |
| | Ford at Fifty |
| Fosdick, Harry E. | |
| A Guide to Understanding the Bible | |
| Freuchen, Peter | Vagrant Viking |
| Goudge, Elizabeth | God So Loved the World |
| Hale, Nathaniel C. | Virginia Venturer |
| Herzog, Maurice | Annapurna |

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| Hill, George H. | Yankee Photographer |
| Ickes, Harold L. | The Secret Diary of Harold L. Ickes |
| Kertzer, Rabbi Morris N. | What is a Jew? |
| Kimbrough, Emily | It Gives Me Great Pleasure |
| Leacock, Stephen | Charles Dickens |
| Lindbergh, Charles A. | Spirit of St. Louis |
| Manion, Clarence | The Key to Peace |
| McConnell, Jane and Burt | First Ladies |
| Michener, James A. | The Voice of Asia |
| Peale, D. D., Norman Vincent | The Power of Positive Thinking |
| Prewett, Virginia | Beyond the Great Forest |
| Randall, Ruth P. | Mary Lincoln, Biography of a Marriage |
| Reid, P. R. | The Colditz Story |
| Rich, Louise D. | Only Parent |
| Ruark, Robert C. | Horn of the Hunter |
| Sandburg, Carl | Always the Young Stranger |
| Scott, Janie | Easy to Make Fashion Accessories |
| Sheen, D. D., Fulton J. | Life is worth Living |
| Sockman, Ralph W. | How to Believe |
| Spooner, Ella Brown | Way Back When |
| Weatherhead, Leslie D. | Resurrection and Life |
| 1954 World Almanac | |

JUVENILE

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|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Bendick, Jeanne | First Book of Space Travel |
| Candy, Robert | Nature Notebook |
| Cavanna, Betty | A Girl can Dream |
| Farley, Walter | The Black Stallion and Satan |
| Hogan, Robert J. | Howl at the Moon |
| Howard, Elizabeth | Summer under Sail |
| Lenski, Lois | A-going to the Westward |
| Myers | The Fishing Cat |
| Randall, K. C. | Wild Hunter |
| Silks, Donald K. | Boxing for Boys |

Smither, Ethel L.
 Walden, Amelia E.
 Ward, Lynn

A Picture Book of Palestine
 Waverly
 The Biggest Bear

WINSTON ADVENTURE BOOKS

Ashley, Robert P.
 Baker, Nina B.
 Boesch, Mark
 Bothwell, Jean
 Burlingame, Roger
 Chambers, Maria C.
 Colver, Anne
 Cooke, Donald E.
 Cooke, Donald E.
 Darby, Ada C.
 Del Rey, Lester
 Glemser, Bernard
 Groom, Arthur
 Hughes, Rupert
 Jakes, John
 MacDonald, Zillah K.
 Malkus, Alida
 Miller, Mark
 Peare, Catherine Owens
 Richmond, Roe
 Sentman, George Armor
 Sperry, Armstrong
 Wells, Helen
 Widdemer, Margaret

The Stolen Train
 A Boy for a Man's job
 The Lawless Land
 Lost Colony
 Mosquitoes in the Big Ditch
 Boy Heroes of Chapultepec
 Shamrock Cargo
 Little wolf Slayer
 Powder Keg
 Brave Venture
 A Pirate Flag for Monterey
 Radar Commandos
 Continent for Sale
 War of the Mayan King
 The Texans ride North
 Courage to Command
 Little Giant of the North
 The Singing Wire
 The Lost Lakes
 Island Fortress
 Drummer of Vincennes
 River of the West
 Escape by Night
 Prince in Buckskin

Report of the Fire Chief and Forest Warden

The Brimfield fire department reported to twenty-nine calls as follows

One small shed; 13 grass and brush; 3 burning without permit; 3 incinerators; 3 permit fires which got out of control; 2 trucks; 3 cars and one false alarm. There was no taxable loss from any fire. 20 of these fires were adjacent to route 20.

I want to thank the department for the splendid co-operation which it gave me in 1953.

Incinerators should be placed away from buildings and tall grass and burning should be done before 9 A. M. and after 5 P. M. in an incinerator which has a cover or a fine mesh wire so sparks cannot get out. It also should be attended.

A twelve hour course in fire rescue work was held with 15 firemen completing the course.

Two new fire holes were located and one enlarged during the year.

I visited each school during the year and held a fire drill. The elementary school with 238 present and the high school with 65 present were each emptied in one minute. There was no confusion showing there have been many drills at each school.

In going about town, I find many homes which have had either gas or oil burning equipment installed without obtaining a permit, or without a permit to store gas or oil, permits being required for the following:

To install/alter liquified petroleum gas

To install/alter fuel oil burning equipment

To store fuel oil or gas

For open air fires

A certificate of competency is required for all installations or alterations on the same.

In September of 1954, the fire department will no longer have available the boys of the high school. Some thought should be given to this condition, but there are two things which in my opinion would help: There should be no burning of any kind between the hours of 9 A. M. and 3 P. M. This would help because if any smoke showed the fire tower would notify the chief and he could dispatch the truck when the fire is still small.

Also, all men who are home during the day should answer all alarms.

Do not call the garage to find out where the fire is. This has caused delay in getting calls through that should be made. If you must call, wait a reasonable length of time.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARK W. HAYWARD,

Fire chief and forest warden

REQUESTED BUDGET FOR 1954

| | |
|--|------------|
| Salary | \$200.00 |
| Storage | 360.00 |
| Gas, oil & repairs | 200.00 |
| Telephone | 140.00 |
| Insurance on trucks | 300.00 |
| Insurance on men | 180.00 |
| Forest fire payrolls | 400.00 |
| Water holes | 200.00 |
| Permits: fire, gas and oil | 175.00 |
| 500 ft. 2½" hose | 825.00 |
| Portable pump, 600 ft. 1½" hose, 1 fog nozzle; suction hose | 600.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$3,580.00 |

1953 Report
of the
**TRUSTEES FOR COUNTY AID TO
AGRICULTURE**

Town of Brimfield

The Trustees are grateful for the support given their agents during the year by the following local citizens who have, without pay, assisted in carrying out various projects in farm practices, home management and work with boys and girls in 4-H club work:

Albert Birchenough, Mrs. Albert Gendreau, George Gregory, Mrs. Harley Landen, Mrs. Robert J. MacConnell, Homer Parker, Mrs. John Scammell, Carl Stearns, Mrs. F. L. Worby, Perry Weston, Mrs. Gladys Whitten and Mrs. Herbert Wright.

Any appropriation made by the town to the Trustees is held by the County Treasurer and used exclusively for reimbursing any local residents of the town for necessary expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of the law under which the Trustees are appointed. The above local voluntary leaders expended during the year for either travel, meals or demonstration supplies the sum of \$76.73.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| 1953 Appropriation | \$75.00 |
| 1952 Unexpended Balance | 38.77 |
| Total Available for 1953 | 113.77 |
| Total Expenditure in 1953 | 76.73 |
| 1954 Balance Available | 37.04 |
| 1954 Recommended Appropriation | 75.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture

By ALBERT H. FULLER, Clerk

12/8/53

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

This year we found a tremendous increase in the number of Gypsy moth egg clusters over last year, giving a good idea of the rapid spread of this pest. We were not able to cover nearly as much ground as last year, but found and destroyed 29,945 egg clusters, as against 4,992 destroyed last year.

PERCY N. MOORE, Supt.

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

To the Board of Selectmen:

I submit herewith my report as Sealer of Weights & Measures for the year ending December 31, 1953.

| | Adjusted | Sealed |
|---------------------|----------|--------|
| Platform scales | | 2 |
| Spring scales | 1 | 2 |
| Computing scales | 1 | 5 |
| Avoirdupois weights | | 7 |
| Milk Tanks | | 4 |
| Gasoline meters | 3 | 17 |
| Kerosene pumps | | 2 |

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST J. COLLETTE, Sealer

School Committee's Report

1953

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| Member | Term Expires |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| HENRY LACH, Chairman | 1955 |
| IRENE WRIGHT, Secretary | 1954 |
| ROGER W. BENNETT | 1956 |

Superintendent of Schools

HAROLD M. LADD

Office hours:

8:30 a. m. to 12:00 m.—1:30 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.
when school is in session

At the high or elementary school every Monday
Telephone Monson 67-2 (office)
Monson 365 (residence)

Secretary to the Superintendent

HELYNN S. HALEY

Office telephone — Monson 67-2

Office hours:

8:30 a. m. to 12:00 m.—1:30 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.
when school is in session

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| School Physician | DR. BENJAMIN SCHNEIDER |
| School Nurse | VERVA MACUMBER, R. N. |
| Supervisor of Attendance | EDWARD E. SHEERAN |

Hours of School Sessions

High School: 8:45 a. m. to 12:00 m. — 12:45 p. m. to 3:00 p. m.

Elementary: 8:45 a. m. to 12:00 m. — 12:55 p. m. to 2:55 p. m.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL — One blast of the Fire Alarm will indicate that there is to be no session of school.

Entering Age of Children

Six years of age on or before the first of January following the opening of school in September.

School Calendar

1953-1954

1953

| | | | |
|-----------|----|-----------|--|
| September | 9 | Wednesday | Schools open |
| | 21 | Monday | Eastern States Exposition |
| October | 12 | Monday | Schools closed—Columbus Day |
| | 23 | Friday | Schools closed—Hampden County Teachers Association Convention |
| November | 11 | Wednesday | Schools closed—Armistice Day |
| | 25 | Wednesday | Schools close at 12:30 p.m. Thanksgiving recess |
| | 30 | Monday | Schools reopen |
| December | 23 | Wednesday | Schools close at 12:30 p.m. Christmas vacation |

1954

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|----------|----|----------|---|
| January | 4 | Monday | Schools reopen |
| February | 19 | Friday | Schools close for Midwinter vacation |
| March | 1 | Monday | Schools reopen |
| April | 15 | Thursday | Schools close for Spring vacation |
| | 26 | Monday | Schools reopen |
| May | 31 | Monday | Schools closed—Memorial Day Observance |
| ***June | 4 | Friday | Elementary school closes for Summer vacation |
| *** | 25 | Friday | High school closes for Summer vacation |

*** Closing dates tentative

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

I submit herewith my twelfth report as Superintendent of Schools. This report includes the reports of the high school principal, elementary school principal, elementary supervisor, music supervisor, school nurse and various statistical tables relating to the schools.

STAFF

The following teachers have been elected to fill vacancies that existed in September, 1953: Frances Souliere, Grade 1; Elizabeth Ahern, Grade IV; Kathleen Mello, Grade VII; Edward J. Ahern, Jr., Grade VIII; Ann Larava, English and Latin; Eleanor Mannion, Household Arts. Frank Nilson, Jr. was named principal of the Brimfield Elementary School.

The towns of Union #6 voted at the April meeting to employ an elementary supervisor in the three towns. Miss Christine A. Batten assumed the duties of this position in September.

A complete record of the training and experience of all teachers will be found in Appendix C.

A CENTURY OF SERVICE

The Tantasqua Regional School Committee has announced that the educational program for grades seven through twelve will come under its direction starting

September, 1954. It is the intent of the committee to occupy the new high school building at that time, but in any event, Hitchcock Free Academy, operated as Brimfield High School, will cease to exist. This marks the end of a school which has served the educational needs of the town of Brimfield since 1856.

Many prominent men have been born and reared in Brimfield but the name of Samuel Austin Hitchcock has been kept alive through his generous gifts and his interest in education. His own school experience was limited, but he was successful in the business world and decided to provide better educational opportunities for the boys and girls of Brimfield than existed at that time.

Brimfield Free Grammar school opened in 1855 and the operating expenses were paid from the proceeds of an endowment fund provided by Samuel A. Hitchcock. This arrangement continued until 1914 when the Trustees determined that there were insufficient funds to carry on and at that time a working agreement was established with the town of Brimfield whereby the Trustees maintained the outside of the building and grounds and the town paid the operating expense of the school. Varying amounts have been paid toward general operating expenses by the Board of Trustees and for the past twenty years or more this amount has been two thousand dollars a year.

Mr. Hitchcock established a fund of ten thousand dollars at Amherst College to "provide a scholarship of not less than one hundred dollars per year for any graduate of Hitchcock Free Academy". It was his intent to increase the original endowment to one hundred thousand dollars but this goal was not achieved during his lifetime.

Academies serving the secondary level of education are a New England institution and most of them have a record of service running back more than a century. Fifty years ago they were held in higher esteem than many colleges are at the present time. Their passing marks the beginning of a new era and at the same time presents a challenge for educators to provide something better to equip our young people for higher education or produce more worthwhile citizens.

PROGRAM

The appointment of an elementary supervisor is one of the most progressive steps that has been taken for many years. Teacher meetings that are organized on a workshop plan get down to a discussion of methods, materials, procedure and actual day-by-day teaching in the classroom. The organization of units and projects calls for careful planning and presentation of materials. Frequent testing enables the teacher to get a clear picture of the progress made by individual pupils and more opportunity is provided to take care of individual differences. Teachers welcome this type of assistance because it makes teaching at all levels more efficient. Creative projects, such as posters, stimulate pupils to be original and much of this work was in evidence during American Education Week. All of these activities are built around the general field of reading and aim to increase the vocabulary. The real value of this program will be apparent as these pupils move on through the intermediate grades.

It is significant that one of our teachers at the high school level received national recognition for his abilities during the past year. A group known as Designer Craftsmen of the U.S.A. sponsors a contest every five years in the field of design and out of a group of over 3,000 con-

testants, Loren G. Manbeck received one of the four grand awards, a cash prize of \$500.00 for his design of a buffet dining table. Mr. Manbeck is to be particularly congratulated for the creative work he has carried on with our boys in Grades VII, VIII and IX.

The transfer of Grades VII and VIII to the Regional High School would normally make two additional classrooms available, but the registration in Grade I as of December 1, 1953 was 43 and it is apparent that by September, 1954 it will be necessary to make two divisions of Grade II and employ an additional teacher, so this will actually result in one free room at the elementary school. This can be used as an activity room and a library until such time as it is necessary to use it as a classroom.

HEALTH

Preliminary steps have been completed for building a baseball diamond on the school playground. The present play area is considered ample for a school of approximately 200 pupils but it is expected that this area will become a community recreational area for the whole town. An additional area of approximately 150 ft. in width and extending the length of the southern boundary of the school lot is available and should be purchased. This additional area would make it possible to expand the recreational facilities without overcrowding. A complete health and recreational program should operate the year round and it is hoped that in the near future a playground supervisor can take over the summer program.

The employment of a school nurse who is in the schools one day a week and on call in case of emergency has done much to improve the health services that can be rendered by the school. Vision tests are conducted with the Massachusetts Approved Vision Testing kit and

parents are immediately advised in cases that indicate medical attention. Impaired vision is frequently the reason for slow progress in school work and heretofore conditions could exist without being detected. The school nurse is constantly checking health habits such as adequate rest, balanced diet, posture and recreational activities of all pupils.

FINANCES

A preliminary estimate of the school budget for 1954 indicates a decrease of approximately \$10,000.00. Any additional transportation required to transport grades seven through twelve from Brimfield to the new regional high school for September through December must be added to the budget. Much of the equipment in the high school building can be used by the regional high school and it would seem desirable for the town of Brimfield to sell such equipment to the school. Much interest has developed recently in determining what proportion of the tax dollar can be charged to education. The Division of Accounts has indicated that most small towns can show that thirty cents of each tax dollar goes for the support of schools. Capital outlay, such as new construction, may cause this figure to vary. Good schools are a sound investment because they tend to produce more taxable property and attract additional residents.

CONCLUSION

I wish to thank the members of the Brimfield School Committee for their guidance and help in determining the educational policies that govern our schools, the Parent-Teacher Association for its interest in the school program

and the teaching staff for its efficient handling of the daily program. Schools are a cooperative enterprise and it is only through whole-hearted cooperation and understanding on the part of all groups that our schools can prosper. We are all dealing with an intangible product, the personalities, character traits and attitudes of future citizens. Schools are never dormant; we always strive to attain higher standards.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD M. LADD

Superintendent of Schools

Report of the High School Principal

Mr. Harold M. Ladd

Superintendent of Schools

I submit my twelfth, and last, annual report as principal of Hitchcock Free Academy, operated as Brimfield High School.

When Hitchcock Free Academy closes, at the end of this school year, it will have completed nearly a century of useful work in the education of the youth of this area. The complete record of the school's accomplishment will, one day, be written and that record will be a challenge to whatever school systems may come.

For twelve years the Academy has been the center of my life, and the welfare of its pupils my chief interest. I have seen the great devotion to the school of many pupils, teachers, and friends. It was always my hope that a modern, and yet more useful, institution could be built on the solid foundation of ideals, loyalty, and long service of the Academy. That this could not be was not the fault of any person or groups of persons, but rather, a combination of circumstances which dictated a change.

The people of Brimfield agreed by an overwhelming vote to join with four neighboring towns in forming the Tantasqua Regional School District. The new High

School, now being built, will have facilities for educational opportunities equal to the best. It will be equipped to meet the needs of the young people of this area. It should become the center of a variety of activities of interest to all the people. In fact, its usefulness will be limited only by the amount of time, energy, and interest the people are willing to devote to it. The presence of this new school will greatly affect the habits, the thinking, and the progress of the town; I am convinced that it is the most progressive step this town has ever taken.

I wish to thank all the people who have made my work here very pleasant, and tried to appraise that work in the light of conditions as they existed.

To you, as superintendent of schools, and the several people who have served on the Brimfield school committee I am grateful for the fine cooperation we have had in all school affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. BRUCE

Principal

REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr. Harold M. Ladd

Superintendent of Schools

Monson, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Ladd:

I submit my first annual report as principal of the
Brimfield Elementary School.

The school opened on September 9, 1953 with a slight increase in enrollment which necessitated the shifting of the first and fifth grades. Again this year, a fine group of boys and girls from Wales is attending grade eight in this school.

Our curricular and co-curricular activities are well under way. In the line of audio-visual aids, the combining of filmstrips from all schools has increased our library. The stage and curtains have been finished and we have enjoyed fine programs with this added facility. Furniture has been placed in the teachers' room: a couch for children who do not feel well and a living room set for the teachers. A health and safety program with Mrs. Macumber directing is under way in order to supplement the classroom work. The Elementary School Supervisor is working on a testing program which will give the teachers a better picture of the needs of our pupils.

Under the capable direction of Mrs. Whitten, our cafeteria is a busy place and we feel that we are giving the children well balanced meals. A new freezer has been added to increase our cold storage space. We would like to have more children buy their lunches. A menu is given to each child in order that he may take it home and know what will be served the following week.

In closing, I wish to thank you for your guidance and cooperation, the school committee, the members of the faculty for their assistance, and the parents for their fine interest. It is a pleasant experience to be a part of this type of teamwork.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK G. NILSON, JR.

Principal

December 30, 1953

REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SUPERVISOR

Mr. Harold M. Ladd

Superintendent of Schools

Monson, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Ladd:

The curriculum in the Brimfield elementary school aids in developing the growth of the whole child physically, mentally, emotionally and socially. It also provides situations where equal learning opportunities are possible—where each child may learn at his own rate and in terms of his own interest.

The program promotes competence in skills not only with the three R's but with all basic skills necessary for effective living.

The school curriculum materials have been selected on the basis of the child's interests, needs and capacities.

Building and school union meetings have been organized where teachers exchange ideas and discuss educational policies. Also, teachers are encouraged to be creative and resourceful and to try out new techniques and materials.

A professional library has been established for all elementary teachers. Thus teachers may read the newer educational practices.

The supervisor works directly with individual children and groups of children demonstrating the newer methods and techniques in the elementary field of education. Children also are consulted in planning and evaluating all learning activities.

May I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to you, members of your school committee, Mrs. Haley, school secretary, and teachers for their assistance and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTINE BATTEN

Elementary Supervisor

Appendix A

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

I submit my first annual report as school nurse for the year ending December 31, 1953.

| | |
|--|------|
| Free Lunches January 5 to December 31 | 1162 |
| Free Milk January 5 to December 31 | 511 |
| Pupils weighed and measured | 316 |
| Pupils vision tested | 316 |
| Physical examinations with Dr. Benjamin Schneider | 316 |
| First Aid administered | 218 |
| Visits to school office | 15 |
| Visits to schools | 108 |
| Visits to schools when called | 144 |
| Consultation with parents | 50 |
| Consultation with Elementary Supervisor | 16 |
| Follow-up contacts with parents | 65 |

Periodic pediculosis examinations
(once a month)

Good health program

Oral hygiene

Personal hygiene

“Good Habits and Why” with pupils personally
and in classrooms.

I would like a more adequate schedule for routine classwork, mothers' clubs and consultation periods with parents. My allotted time is so limited, I fail to accomplish all that should be done. In summing up our program, I might say we are a very healthy community. Some are less fortunate and require more of my attention. The town of Brimfield needs more health service in and out of school. The present demands call for a full time school nurse.

I wish to thank the superintendent of schools, Mrs. Haley, our school secretary, the school physician, our teachers, principals and the townspeople for their help and cooperation. I have had a very interesting and happy year.

Respectfully submitted,

VERVA MACUMBER, R.N.

December 31, 1953

Appendix B

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

Mr. Harold M. Ladd

Superintendent of Schools

Monson, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Ladd:

The music program of the Brimfield schools is being carried out as outlined in the music supervisor's report of 1952. Vocal music is the main activity in the elementary grades. This year more use is being made of recordings and new music materials for tone development and interpretation as well as rhythmic response and dramatization of songs. The music supervisor and the elementary curriculum supervisor plan to work toward more integration of music in the program of studies. We are continuing the instrumental program. This year more interest has been shown in the larger harmony instruments which are very necessary to good band performance.

In the high school the band has gained a number of new members from the Freshmen Class. A few advanced students from the elementary school also joined the band's weekly rehearsals.

During the past year the band played for the Memorial Day parade, One Act Plays, Halloween parade, and the Christmas program.

The most important music activities of the elementary grades were the Memorial Day Program and the Spring Concert in which all classes took part.

In closing, I wish to thank you, Mr. Ladd, the school board, and all the members of the Brimfield teaching staff for the help and cooperation given me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. WHALEN

Music Supervisor

December 23, 1953

Appendix C
Directory of School Staff
December 31, 1953

| Position | Name | Training | Years Service in Brimfield | Years Service Total | Salary |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| Administrative Staff | | | | | |
| Superintendent | Harold M. Ladd | BS., Ed.M., Univ. N.H. | 12 | 33 | 1500 |
| Secretary to the Superintendent | *Helynn S. Haley | Bay Path Institute | 18 | 19 | 750 |
| Elementary Supervisor | ††Christine A. Batten | BS. in Ed. Keene T.C. | 0 | 20 | 1050 |
| High School | | | | | |
| Commercial | *Theda P. Moulton | Bay Path Institute | 1 | 6 | 2500 |
| English, French | ‡Anna Larava | A.B., Clark Univ. | 0 | 0 | 2500 |
| Math., Science | Freda M. Stegner | A.B., Mount Holyoke | 21 | 30 | 3150 |
| Sci. Social Studies | Robert E. Bruce, Prin. | B.S., Univ. N. H. | 12 | 25 | 4200 |
| Music | John Whalen | B. Mus., Boston Univ. | 1 | 2 | 800 |
| Household Arts | †**Eleanor Mannion | Framingham T. C. | 0 | 22 | 864 |
| Industrial Arts | **Loren Manbeck | A.A.S. Alfred College | 2 | 2 | 918 |

Elementary School

| | | | | | |
|------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----|----|------|
| Grade I | ††Frances Souliere | A.B., Elms College | 0 | 4 | 2700 |
| Grade II | *Gladys Webber | Westfield T. C. | 13 | 38 | 2820 |
| Grade III | *Irma Davis | Washington State | 3 | 24 | 2600 |
| Grade IV | †*Elizabeth Ahern | B.S. in Ed. Westfield T.C. | 0 | 0 | 2500 |
| Grade V | §Mary Gaudette | | 0 | 34 | 2800 |
| Grade VI | §§Frank G. Nilson, Jr., Prin. | B.S., Springfield College | 1 | 2 | 3000 |
| Grade VII | °Kathleen Mello | B.S., Mt. St. Mary College | 0 | 0 | 2500 |
| Grade VIII | ••Edward J. Ahern, Jr. | B.S. in Ed., Westfield State T.C. | 0 | 1 | 2700 |

- * Diploma
- ** Part-time
- †† Christine Batten, September to December
- ‡ Eugenia Tarbell, January to June
- † Morine Cheney, January to June
- †† Edna Peterson, January to June
- †* Florence Cendreau, January to June
- § Helen Walinski, January to June
- §§ Robert Bengle, January to June
- ° Mary Gaudette, January to June
- Frank Nilson, Jr., January to June

Appendix D—Table I

ANNUAL SCHOOL CENSUS, 1953

As of October 1

| | 5 years or over and under 7 | 7 years or over and under 16 | Illiterate minors 16 yrs. or over and under 21 |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Total in Town | | | |
| Boys | 33 | 116 | |
| Girls | 32 | 112 | |
| Total | 65 | 228 | |
| In public school | 44 | 216 | |
| In continuation school | 0 | 0 | |
| In vocational school | 0 | 1 | |
| In private school | 1 | 8 | |
| In state and county schools and special classes for de- fectives and delinquents | 0 | 1 | |
| Not enrolled in any school | 20 | 2 | |
| Total | 65 | 228 | |

Appendix D—Table II

AGE—GRADE TABLE

October 1, 1953

| Age | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | Total |
|-------|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Grade | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| I | 5 | 35 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | 41 |
| II | | 4 | 22 | 3 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | 33 |
| III | | | 5 | 22 | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | 31 |
| IV | | | | 2 | 18 | 2 | | 1 | | | | | | | | 23 |
| V | | | | | 3 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | 23 |
| VI | | | | | | 7 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | | | 28 |
| VII | | | | | | | 4 | 14 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | | 27 |
| VIII | | | | | | | 1 | 8 | 15 | 7 | | 1 | | | | 32 |
| IX | | | | | | | | 1 | 6 | 18 | 8 | 2 | | | | 35 |
| X | | | | | | | | | | 7 | 10 | 1 | 2 | | | 20 |
| XI | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 10 | 3 | | | 16 |
| XII | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 16 | | | 19 |
| Total | 5 | 39 | 27 | 28 | 26 | 27 | 19 | 30 | 28 | 37 | 23 | 18 | 21 | | | 328 |

APPENDIX E

ITEMIZED ACCOUNTS

1953

GENERAL EXPENSES

| | | |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Harold M. Ladd | \$1,699.22 | |
| Helynn S. Haley | 737.52 | |
| Beulah Bruce | 50.00 | |
| Henry Lach | 100.00 | |
| Irene Wright | 33.34 | |
| Roger Bennett | 100.00 | |
| Frances Lemmelin | 66.66 | |
| Salom Rizk | 12.50 | |
| Mass. Ass'n. School Com. | 30.00 | |
| Edward Sheeran | 84.20 | |
| Robert Bengle | 8.34 | |
| | | |
| | | \$2,921.78 |

TEACHERS' SALARIES

| | | |
|------------|-------------|-------------|
| High | \$13,699.38 | |
| Elementary | 24,077.12 | |
| | | |
| | | \$37,776.50 |

TEXTBOOKS

| | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| D. C. Heath & Co. . | \$31.12 |
| Southwestern Pub. Co. | 44.37 |
| L. W. Singer Co. | 38.10 |
| American Book Co. | 151.56 |
| Scott, Foresman & Co. | 192.15 |
| Ginn & Co. | 399.80 |

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|-----------------------|--------|
| World Book Co. | 33.72 |
| Laidlaw Bros. | 74.73 |
| Lyons & Carnahan | 37.43 |
| John C. Winston Co. | 12.44 |
| McGraw Hill Book Co. | 11.50 |
| O. H. Toothaker | 26.26 |
| D. C. Heath & Co. | 59.56 |
| Chas. E. Merrill Co. | 37.76 |
| G. & C. Merriam & Co. | 5.60 |
| McCormick Mathers | 39.52 |
| Iroquois Pub. Co. | 160.00 |
| Macmillian Co.. | 42.65 |
| J. L. Hammett Co. | 3.42 |

\$1,401.69

OTHER (Supplies)

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Paquette Stationery Co. | \$6.83 |
| Milton Bradley Co. | 41.38 |
| Mainco Trading Co. | 1,360.60 |
| Lewis E. Howlett | 140.73 |
| The Camera Shop | 2.60 |
| Hatch's Village Store | 41.40 |
| Springfield Office Supply Co. | 38.00 |
| Morine Cheney | 34.09 |
| Walberg & Auge | 38.08 |
| J. L. Hammett | 344.63 |
| H. T. Janes & Sons | 17.89 |
| Cambosco Sci. Co. | 50.80 |
| Wright & Potter | 12.70 |
| Hyatt Gas Sales & Service | 1.00 |

\$2,130.73

WAGES OF JANITOR

| | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Edward Sheeran | \$3,016.84 | |
| Harold Johnston | 375.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$3,391.84 |

FUEL

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------|------------|
| Southbridge Coal Co. | \$809.49 | |
| Squier & Co. | 1,441.89 | |
| Hyatt Gas Sales & Service | .50 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$2,251.88 |

MISCELLANEOUS (Operating)

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------|------------|
| New England Tel. & Tel. | \$162.43 | |
| Worcester County Elec. Co. | 692.26 | |
| Hatch's Village Store | 75.31 | |
| Faulkner Hardware Co. | 30.25 | |
| G. A. Authier & Sons | 64.38 | |
| H. E. Hitchcock | 449.00 | |
| Frank Bros. Paper Co. | 227.44 | |
| C. B. Dolge Co. | 36.70 | |
| J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co. | 331.15 | |
| A. W. Gifford Co. | 144.50 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$2,213.42 |

MAINTENANCE (Repairs)

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Faulkner Hardware Co. | \$62.23 |
| Weidenmiller & McGovern Co. | 529.00 |
| Geo. A. Flagg Co. | 61.67 |
| R. A. Manley Co. | 20.50 |
| Brimfield Garage | 1.00 |
| T. J. Conway Co. | 74.80 |

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|------------------|--------|----------|
| Remington Rand | 117.50 | |
| F. J. Leneau | 65.00 | |
| Ed. L. Dickinson | 46.45 | |
| Underwood Corp. | 6.88 | |
| | <hr/> | \$985.03 |

LIBRARIES

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| Houghton, Mifflin Co. | \$30.54 | |
| | | \$30.54 |

HEALTH

| | | |
|------------------------|----------|----------|
| Verva Macumber | \$500.00 | |
| Dr. Benjamin Schneider | 150.00 | |
| Broughton, Smithies | 8.73 | |
| Yale H. Brown | 30.72 | |
| | <hr/> | \$689.45 |

TRANSPORTATION

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Charles Wheeler | \$10,664.53 | |
| Noah Fountain | 2,280.00 | |
| Bernard Sampson | 1,846.80 | |
| Palmer Motor Coach Service, Inc. | 743.50 | |
| Andrew Gondek | 609.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$16,143.83 |

MISCELLANEOUS (Auxiliary)

| | | |
|--------------------|---------|--|
| Com. Public Safety | \$20.00 | |
| Hyatt Gas Service | 2.00 | |
| Palmer Register | 20.00 | |
| Edward J. Killian | 9.00 | |

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------|
| Nat'l Library Bindery Co. | 9.00 | |
| Trustees, B. U. | 21.25 | |
| McCormick, Mathers Pub. Co. | .20 | |
| Edward Killian | 18.00 | |
| Theodore Wiel | 25.00 | |
| J. L. Hammett | 23.18 | |
| Charles Scribner's Sons | 1.11 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$148.74 |

NEW EQUIPMENT

| | | |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| Paris Mfg. Co. | \$107.30 | |
| | | \$107.30 |

1953 SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

| | Expenditures, 1953 | | Estimated, 1954 |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | Elem. | High Total | |
| General Expenses | \$1,460.89 | \$1,460.89 | \$3,300.00 |
| Expenses of instruction | | | |
| Teachers' salaries | 24,077.12 | 13,699.38 | 33,735.00 |
| Textbooks | 1,100.00 | 301.09 | 1,000.00 |
| Other (supplies) | 1,620.91 | 509.82 | 1,300.00 |
| Expenses of operating | | | |
| Wages of janitor | 1,695.92 | 1,695.92 | 3,250.00 |
| Fuel | 1,441.89 | 809.99 | 2,550.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,743.81 | 469.61 | 1,550.00 |
| Maintenance (repairs) | 840.15 | 144.88 | 500.00 |
| Auxiliary Agencies | | | |
| Libraries | 30.54 | 30.54 | 200.00 |
| Health | 344.00 | 345.45 | 850.00 |
| Transportation | 10,762.46 | 5,381.37 | 19,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 38.31 | 110.43 | 250.00 |
| New equipment | 107.30 | 107.30 | 200.00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total appropriation, 1953 | \$45,263.90 | 24,928.83 | 67,685.00 |
| Total expenditures, 1953 | | \$72,675.54 | |
| | | <hr/> | |
| Balance on hand | | | \$2,482.81 |

NET COST OF OPERATING BRIMFIELD SCHOOLS

1953

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Appropriation, 1953 | \$72,675.54 |
| Unexpended balance, 1953 | 2,482.81 |

\$70,192.73

Receipts:

From the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| School Funds, Chap. 70 | \$15,771.45 |
| (as amended) | |

| | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Supt. salary and expenses | 933.33 |
|---------------------------|--------|

Chap. 71 s65

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Transportation Chap. 71, s7A | 14,517.67 |
|------------------------------|-----------|

Tuition and transportation of

| | |
|-------------|----------|
| State wards | 6,568.00 |
|-------------|----------|

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Tuition, non-resident | 7,325.78 |
|-----------------------|----------|

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|--|----------|
| Income that must be expended for support of schools | 2,000.00 |
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|----------------|-------------|
| Total Receipts | \$47,116.23 |
|----------------|-------------|

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|------------------|-------------|
| NET COST TO TOWN | \$23,076.50 |
|------------------|-------------|



TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1953

During the early part of 1953 final arrangements were completed for purchasing land for a site. This brought the total number of acres in the site up to 116. The final acquisition included acreage northeast of the land already purchased in 1952 and made possible an entrance on the Brimfield-Brookfield road. This direct entrance from Webber Road will make for a considerable saving in bus mileage on each trip from the towns of Wales, Holland and Brimfield.

In May the Committee arranged for the sale of \$125,000 in bonds largely to finance the site preparation, the contract for which was awarded to Gargulinski Bros. of Sterling, Massachusetts. These bonds sold for 2.4%. On June 2, 1953 the members of the Committee, the Superintendent, and the Press assembled at the site for informal ground breaking ceremonies.

After many conferences, through the combined efforts of the Committee, Superintendent, our educational consultants, Engelhardt, Englehardt & Leggett, and the architects, Anderson-Nichols & Company, final plans were completed in August. In September bids were received for the construction of the building. The low bidder was Neri Construction Company of Millbury, Massachusetts.

The towns of the District were notified that the amount of the bond issue necessary to meet construction and equipment costs was \$1,625.000, and after the legal 30 day waiting period expired with no opposition expressed in any of the five towns construction began on November 1.

In November arrangements were made for the sale of additional bonds in the amount of \$1,625,000 for the purpose of constructing and equipping the building. The bonds sold in December at 2.75%. This was about 20% lower than had been anticipated. The Committee feels fortunate in having been able to secure this lower rate since it had been predicted by bankers that the market rate at this time might be as high as 3.5%.

The physical plant layout finally agreed on after careful consideration and after consultations with experts in school planning, consists of three buildings. The main classroom building is the largest and contains laboratory type rooms for classes in business, arts and crafts, homemaking, mathematics, English, foreign languages, science, social studies and agriculture, as well as space for a library, a cafeteria, and administration offices, health unit and counseling office.

A separate building houses a 750 seat auditorium and a full size gymnasium. The auditorium has adequate facilities for dramatics and connecting rooms for use in both instrumental and choral music. The gymnasium has facilities so that a physical education program for both boys and girls can be carried on at the same time. For basketball games or other events requiring a large floor area the folding door separating the boys' and girls' sides of the gym can be opened to provide an official size high school gymnasium floor in addition to spectator space for about 1,000 people.

The industrial arts building contains the space for the shop activities expected to include electricity, metal work, woodworking, masonry, machine shop, and auto and farm mechanics. Also included in this building is a drafting room and the central heating unit for the entire plant which is composed of two oil fired cast iron sectional boilers.

The school site is being developed to make a maximum contribution to the everyday school program. Plans are now underway to reserve a 10 to 15 acre tract of woodland to be developed as a school forest in connection with conservation and agriculture instruction. Certain areas, where brook and marsh lend themselves to proper conditions, are being reserved and developed for experimentation in biology and general science classes, while at another place in one of the streams that flow through the property it is planned to reserve an area for use of physics classes in experiments with water wheels and hydro-electric power.

As of December 31, 1953 the foundations of the main classroom building are almost complete and it is anticipated that barring unforeseen emergencies this building and the shop building will be ready for classes in September 1954. The auditorium-gym building should be completed not long afterward. A cornerstone laying ceremony is planned for the spring of this coming year.

In June of this year Joseph Misiaszek of Sturbridge was employed as Clerk of the Works to supervise the construction work at the site. Mr. Misiaszek, a graduate engineer, has had considerable experience in concrete and masonry building construction.

In September, Walter E. Scott, Superintendent of Tantasqua District, began full time work and is not only engaged in helping to expedite the construction of the building but assists the Committee in all phases of its work. Present activities demanding most attention are interviewing candidates for positions on the school staff, both teaching and non-teaching, setting up lists of equipment, supplies, and textbooks that will be needed, interviewing salesmen and examining furniture and equipment in order that we may take advantage of every modern device to provide better education at a minimum expenditure. Mr. Scott has appeared at numerous club and organization meetings as a speaker to explain the plans for the new school and describe the curriculum now being set up. The tentative curriculum is as follows: English, physical education and health are required of all students in each grade. General electives open to students of all grades are music, glee club, chorus, band and orchestra, arts and crafts, mechanical drawing and club activities. Subjects also required are: Grade 7—mathematics, social studies, guidance, general science, industrial arts, homemaking. Grade 8—general mathematics, social studies, guidance, general science, industrial arts, homemaking. Grade 9—general mathematics or algebra, general science, social studies, general business; Electives—industrial arts, homemaking, agriculture, Latin, or French, or Spanish. Grade 10—World history and geography, biology, driver education; Electives—advanced algebra, French, or Latin, or Spanish, bookkeeping, typing, consumer buying and salesmanship, food & nutrition, personality & dress, agriculture, general shop, back yard farming, dramatics, personal typing, arithmetic coaching. Grade 11—U. S. history and government; Electives—plane geometry or consumer mathematics, French, or Latin, or Spanish, survey of science or chemistry, typing, stenography or clerical practice, consumer buying and salesmanship, home management, general shop, agriculture

and farm shop, journalism, personal typing, arithmetic coaching. Grade 12—social adjustment; Electives—modern problems in American society, senior mathematics or consumer mathematics, physics or survey of science, secretarial practice & transcription or clerical practice, French, Latin, Spanish, home & family, general shop, farm shop & agriculture. Sports and other student activities will be developed as there is student interest. Sports possibilities are football, basketball, baseball, hockey, cross country, track, tennis, field hockey, softball, archery, and golf. 4-H clubs and other student interest clubs will be encouraged.

For their cooperative attitude and thoughtful consideration we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Superintendents of Schools in the five towns in the District and to the School Committees, Selectmen, and other town officials who have cooperated with us and assisted us on many occasions. This is truly a big undertaking and an outstanding example of the tremendous progress that is possible when the individual efforts of the people of five towns are combined in one common cooperative endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP R. PALAMOUNTAIN
Chairman

ROGER W. BENNETT,
Vice Chairman

HAROLD A. MURPHY,
Sec. and Treasurer

GEORGE A. CANNING
FRANCES B. GINN
RICHARD A. GODDARD
RALPH H. HALL
FRANK T. NIERODZINSKI

Town Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden, ss.

To the Town Clerk of Brimfield, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Monday, the 1st day of March, 1954 at 12 o'clock noon to act on the following:

Article 1. To give in their votes to the election officers on one ballot for the following Town Officers: Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, three Selectmen, Tree Warden, five Constables and one Town Moderator, all for the term of one year; one member of the Board of Public Welfare, one School Committeeman, one assessor, one Cemetery Commissioner, two Library Trustees and one Regional School District Committee Member each for the term of three years.

The polls will open at twelve o'clock noon and will close at eight o'clock in the evening. All business of said meeting except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as by law are required to be elected or determined by ballot shall be considered after 8 p.m.

Article 2. To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the Town and act thereon.

Article 3. To see what salaries the Town will allow its officers for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To raise and appropriate money for the support of various departments and activities of the Town, payment of debts and defraying of expenses of the ensuing year and direct how same shall be expended.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Compensation Insurance Fund together with a sum to be raised by taxation to purchase compensation for Town Employees.

Article 6. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of the Warren, Old Palmer, Brookfield and Holland Roads under Chapter 90, to be used with the sums allotted by the State and County for the purpose.

Article 8. To elect one trustee of the Harriet Harding Fund for three years.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Chapter 90 Construction to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State and County or both for the purpose

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954

and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for the period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of reimbursement of allotments made by the State and County for highways including bridges.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice in some convenient and public place of the Town fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town upon Tax Title Procedure, provided that the selectmen or whomever they may authorize to hold such public auction, may reject any bid which they deem inadequate.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75.00 to be expended in the Town by the Hampden County Trustees for Aid to Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 128, Section 42.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Machinery Fund for the maintenance, care, replacement and purchase of town machinery for the ensuing year.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum surplus of \$8,978.00 to pay maturing bonds.

Article 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$167.00 to cover an overdraft of \$167.00 in the Veteran's Benefits account.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift of \$117.00 from the Home and Community Service Committee of the Brimfield Grange to be used for a War Memorial or take any other action thereon. *Adopted*

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for the expense of taking the 1955 State Census.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to purchase from Stanley C. Hicks all the land owned by him on the southerly side of the elementary school property and extending along the westerly line of Wales Road for 300 feet more or less or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to abandon or repair a public roadway in the easterly section of the Town known as LaFlamme Road or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell, upon the recommendation of the School Committee, at public or private sale, at such price or prices as they deem proper, all or any part of the materials, supplies and equipment on the premises at Hitchcock Free Academy or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to sell the Old Center School Lot for residential purposes to the highest bidder at public auction or take any other action thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting copies thereof at the Town Hall and Post Office, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 8th day of February, 1954.

GEORGE B. ADAMS, Jr.

ANDREW W. GONDEK

RAYMOND D. CLARKE

Selectmen of Brimfield

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Annual Reports
OF THE
Town Officers
OF THE
Town of Brimfield



AND OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE
Year Ending December 31, 1954

THE PALMER REGISTER, Inc.

Palmer, Mass.

1955

Town Officers --- 1954

Town Clerk

MABEL B. PEIRCE

Moderator

EVERETT D. LANDEN

Treasurer

EUGENIA P. TARBELL

Tax Collector

JEAN HAYWARD

Selectmen

ANDREW W. GONDEK RAYMOND D. CLARKE
THEODORE W. SKOWYRA

Assessors

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| EDWARD J. KILLIAN | Term expires 1957 |
| JOHN M. HALEY | Term expires 1956 |
| JOHN P. MOORE | Term expires 1955 |

School Committee

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| IRENE W. WRIGHT | Term expires 1957 |
| ROGER W. BENNETT* | Term expires 1956 |
| HENRY LACH | Term expires 1955 |

* Resigned

Board of Public Welfare

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| J. FREDERICK LAWRENCE | Term expires 1957 |
| LLEWELLYN B. NORTON | Term expires 1956 |
| NANCY E. COX | Term expires 1955 |

Cemetery Commission

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| EVERETT D. LANDEN | Term expires 1957 |
| GEORGE E. HITCHCOCK | Term expires 1956 |
| CHENEY F. NEWTON | Term expires 1955 |

Library Trustees

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| ROBERT E. BRUCE | Term expires 1957 |
| CHARLES A. DELAND, JR. | Term expires 1956 |
| EUGENIA P. TARBELL | Term expires 1956 |
| AGNES B. HICKS | Term expires 1955 |
| PHILIP S. BENJAMIN | Term expires 1955 |

Tree Warden

PERCY N. MOORE

Constables

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| ROBERT J. CUTLER | GEORGE E. HITCHCOCK |
| HENRY LACH | HARRY B. LANDEN |
| CHESTER H. NORTON | |

Trustees Harriet Harding Fund

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| LLEWELLYN B. NORTON | Term expires 1957 |
| J. FREDERICK LAWRENCE | Term expires 1956 |
| EDWARD J. KILLIAN | Term expires 1955 |

Appointive Town Officers 1954

Town Accountant

FRANK S. GIFFORD

Superintendent of Streets

GEORGE B. SHERMAN

Chief, Fire Department & Forest Warden

CLARK W. HAYWARD

Inspector of Animals

CHESTER H. NORTON

Inspector of Slaughtering

DANIEL H. WELLS, JR.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

ERNEST J. COLLETTE

Moth Superintendent

PERCY N. MOORE

Agent, Board of Health

DR. BENJAMIN SCHNEIDER

Burial Agent

ALFRED WIGGLESWORTH

Measurer of Wood and Bark
J. FREDERICK LAWRENCE

Dog Officer
ARTHUR J. MOREAU

Town Counsel
GEORGE B. ADAM, JR.

Finance Committee

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| JAMES C. HATCH | Term expires 1957 |
| RICHARD BRADWAY | Term expires 1957 |
| WILLIAM B. COX | Term expires 1957 |
| NOAH D. FOUNTAIN | Term expires 1956 |
| FENTON R. HASTINGS | Term expires 1956 |
| LEO LAVIGNE | Term expires 1956 |
| DENZIL BAGSTER-COLLINS | Term expires 1955 |
| JOSEPH DMUCHOVSKY | Term expires 1955 |
| SAMUEL ORMSBEE | Term expires 1955 |

Treasurer's Report

| | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1954 | \$55,870.80 | |
| Receipts during year | 241,119.62 | |
| | <hr/> | \$296,990.42 |
| Paid on treasury warrants | \$247,732.12 | |
| Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1954 | 49,258.30 | |
| | <hr/> | \$296,990.42 |

EUGENIA P. TARBELL,

Town Treasurer

Town Clerk's Report

Licenses Issued for the Division of Fisheries and Game

| | |
|----|-----------------------------------|
| 92 | Resident Fishing |
| 49 | Resident Women's Fishing |
| 14 | Resident Minor Fishing |
| 3 | Special Non-Resident Fishing |
| 1 | Non-Resident Fishing |
| 52 | Resident Hunting |
| 2 | Non-Resident Hunting |
| 57 | Resident Sporting |
| 17 | Resident Sporting (Free) |
| 2 | Resident Military Sporting (Free) |
| 3 | Duplicate |

DOGS LICENSED

| | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------|---|---------|----------|
| 129 | Male | @ | \$2.00 | \$258.00 |
| 28 | Female | @ | \$5.00 | 140.00 |
| 51 | Spayed | @ | \$2.00 | 102.00 |
| 1 | Kennel | @ | \$50.00 | 50.00 |
| 4 | Kennel | @ | \$25.00 | 100.00 |
| 6 | Kennel | @ | \$10.00 | 60.00 |
| | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | \$710.00 |
| Less Clerk's fees, 219 @ 20¢ | | | | 43.80 |
| | | | | <hr/> |
| Balance paid Treasurer | | | | \$666.20 |

BIRTHS RECORDED

| DATE | NAME | PARENTS |
|----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| January | | |
| 14 | Richard Allen Gendreau | Albert and Florence Benson |
| 21 | Jean Marie Stanley | Paul and Ann E. Furey |
| 27 | Candace Elaine Thompson | Roy O. and Grace E. Sherman |
| February | | |
| 1 | Norman Adelard Tetreault | Norman A. and Joyce Puduski |
| 4 | Thomas Alan Jez | Edmund S. and Patricia Phifer |
| 7 | Patricia Mary Noga | Joseph and Adele Kordek |
| 8 | John Francis Smith | Raymond F. and Ellen Mae Pappas |
| March | | |
| 7 | Janet Louise Lucier | Richard R. and Yvonne Marie Racicot |
| 30 | Donna Lee Hartman | Robert P. and Bonnie L. Haney |
| April | | |
| 18 | Dianne Mary Casavant Twins | Lucien V. and Madeline Leblond |
| 18 | Lily Anne Mary Casavant | Lucien V. and Madeline Lablond |
| 25 | Dennis John Moran | Bernard J. and Margaret E. Farr |
| May | | |
| 11 | James Quattrocelli | Eustace T. and Marguerite Bastien |
| 27 | William Edward Cadieux, Jr. | William E. and Barbara Ann Howlett |
| June | | |
| 6 | Katherine Joan Gilman | Harry D. and Fay Williams |
| 16 | Kathleen Ellen Killian | Edward J. and Marjorie E. Draper |
| July | | |
| 1 | Donna Marie Smith | Donald W. and Edith E. Thompson |
| 8 | Barbara Jean Monette | Ernest F. and Ruth S. Keith |
| 13 | William Leo Langlois | George and Mary Buccelli |

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|----|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 15 | Carl Vernon Ainsworth | Robert J. and Joan A. Linley |
| 26 | Sandra Jean Stanton | Ralph I. and Nancy Ann Coolbroth |
| 28 | Eric Emil Jensen | Albert R. and Dorothy P. Miller |

August

- | | | |
|----|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 3 | Ellison Michael Waite | Walter F. and Elsie M. Boone |
| 3 | Daniel Richard Latourneau | Leo J. and Mary Mrizan |
| 11 | Diane Marie Roberts | Eugene I. and Constance M. Greenwood |
| 26 | Richard Edward Ahern | Edward J. and Elizabeth A. Tower |
| 30 | Patrick William McCurdy | George and Doris Dery |
| | Twins | |
| 30 | McCurdy | George and Doris Dory |
| 31 | Nancy Jean Ozut | John A. and Mary Jane Maheu |

September

- | | | |
|----|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 12 | George Raymond Pinkham | William J. and Madeleine Rousseau |
|----|------------------------|-----------------------------------|

October

- | | | |
|----|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 6 | Denise Ann Roberts | George E. and Norma Mae Edwards |
| 15 | Susan Violet Mott | Howard S. and Gladys E. Fish |

November

- | | | |
|----|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 13 | Bruce Gunnard Nilson | Frank G. and Lois M. Gleason |
| 18 | Peter Michael Whitten | William F. and Rachel A. Souliere |
| 25 | Susan Diane Plumley | Ralph M. and Evelyn A. Adams |

December

- | | | |
|----|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 9 | Janice Marie Mendes | Rene and Rose L. LaFrance |
| 10 | James Bernard Solomon | John A. and Jeannette Desmarais |

MARRIAGES RECORDED

| Date | Groom | Residence | Bride | Residence |
|-----------|---------------------------|-------------|---|-----------|
| February | | | | |
| 6 | Donald James Keith Palmer | | Eleanor May Tripp | Brimfield |
| April | | | | |
| 29 | Ransom D. Parady | Monson | Mary C. Czajkoski | Palmer |
| 30 | Earl C. Compton | Warren | Stella A. Romero | Brimfield |
| May | | | | |
| 1 | Eugene A. Artruc | Holland | Mary Frances Lawrence | Brimfield |
| 27 | Salvatore Giammarino | Springfield | Rose M. Deveno | Brimfield |
| June | | | | |
| 5 | Leonard F. Howlett | Holland | Mary M. Howlett | Brimfield |
| 12 | Ira Willard Brackett, Jr. | Southbridge | Myrna Irene Nichols | Brimfield |
| 20 | Herbert W. Tibbetts | Brimfield | Martha Faustena Fairbrother | Brimfield |
| 26 | Henry Michael Jusko | Belchertown | Patricia Ann Burnham | Brimfield |
| July | | | | |
| 3 | Clifford L. Norton | Brimfield | Lorraine T. Becker | Ware |
| 24 | Russell Paul Stearns | Brimfield | Irene May Sullivan | Brimfield |
| August | | | | |
| 8 | Joseph Byron | Monson | Lillian Walulik (Abramowitz) | Monson |
| September | | | | |
| 6 | Robert Gerard Dionne | Brimfield | Jeannette Mary T. Desautels No. Grosvenordale, Ct. | |
| October | | | | |
| 30 | Frederick Staback | Palmer | Rose Marie Baldina | Brimfield |
| November | | | | |
| 20 | Archie Dickson | Springfield | Auloris Van Hook | Brimfield |
| 25 | Clark W. Hayward, Jr. | Brimfield | Helen Faith Tetreault | Brimfield |

DEATHS RECORDED

| Date | Name | Years | Months | Days |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|--------|------|
| January | | | | |
| 6 | Electa Main Mallon | 83 | 9 | 23 |
| 11 | Hildege J. Beausoleil | 67 | | |
| February | | | | |
| 12 | Joseph Racicot | 73 | | |
| 19 | Dennis Chapdelaine | | 5 | |
| 24 | George Smart | 64 | 6 | 15 |
| March | | | | |
| 2 | Louis E. Lucier | 75 | 6 | 5 |
| April | | | | |
| 30 | Patrick Joseph Sheeran | 77 | 2 | 11 |
| May | | | | |
| 8 | Myron Clark | 69 | 8 | 11 |
| 24 | Effie M. (Plympton) Switzer | 74 | 8 | 6 |
| June | | | | |
| 11 | Joseph Deveno | — | — | — |
| 12 | Edgar Harmon Alexander | 65 | 7 | 21 |
| July | | | | |
| 21 | Edith (Thayer) Griswold | 66 | 3 | 5 |
| August | | | | |
| 10 | Enoch G. Wright | 32 | 9 | 24 |
| 26 | Susan (Crumb) Bachman | 84 | 1 | 28 |
| 31 | Baby Girl McCurdy | — | — | 1 |
| September | | | | |
| 1 | Albert Durward Silvius | 10 | 2 | 29 |

| Date | Name | Years | Months | Days |
|----------|------------------------------|-------|--------|------|
| October | | | | |
| 30 | Elsie M. (Miller) Ouellette | 54 | 11 | 11 |
| 31 | Dorothy (Loveland) Carpenter | 56 | 7 | 10 |
| November | | | | |
| 13 | Leo Paul Hamel | 44 | — | — |
| December | | | | |
| 28 | Mabel Louise Pierce | 75 | 7 | 15 |

Burials From Other Places

| | | | | |
|-----------|-------------------------------|----|----|----|
| January | | | | |
| 14 | Ella Kathan from Springfield | 82 | 1 | 16 |
| August | | | | |
| 31 | Frederick Merritt from Lowell | 76 | 8 | 24 |
| September | | | | |
| 19 | Oliver Veines from Westfield | 65 | 11 | 27 |

A portion of the Selectmen's room has been partitioned off and equipped as an office for the town clerk. It is proving to be most convenient and is greatly appreciated.

MABEL B. PEIRCE, Town Clerk

Report of Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

General Revenue—Taxes

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Current Year | \$55,808.91 | |
| Previous years | 8,746.99 | |
| Motor vehicle excise tax 1954 | 10,020.81 | |
| Motor vehicle excise tax 1953 | 6,494.17 | |
| Motor vehicle excise tax 1952 | 823.64 | |
| Classified forest land tax 1954 | 1,262.70 | |
| Classified forest land tax 1953 | 178.56 | |
| Classified forest land tax 1952 | 27.37 | |
| Reimb. loss of taxes, State | 1,343.17 | |
| Meals tax | 574.86 | |
| Income tax | 12,199.32 | |
| Corporation tax | 4,276.45 | |
| Tax title | 56.90 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$101,813.85 |

GRANTS AND GIFTS FROM STATE

| | | |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| Veterans' Services | \$1,117.61 | |
| Inspection of Animals | 28.00 | |
| Vocational education | 341.00 | \$1,486.61 |
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| From County, Dog Fund | 527.20 |
| From County, reimb. dog officer services | 183.75 |

Licenses :

| | | |
|--------|------------|------------|
| Liquor | \$2,400.00 | |
| Other | 62.95 | |
| | <hr/> | \$2,462.95 |

Federal Grants:

| | | |
|------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Old Age Assistance | \$8,984.72 | |
| Aid Dependent Children | 2,349.75 | |
| Disability Assistance | 678.11 | |
| | <hr/> | \$12,012.58 |

Highways

| | | |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| From State | \$31,016.45 | |
| From County | 2,700.00 | |
| Town Machinery | 8,177.90 | |
| | <hr/> | \$41,894.35 |

Charities

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Welfare relief from State | \$765.65 | |
| Welfare relief from other towns | 205.90 | |
| Old Age assistance from State | 9,090.62 | |
| Old Age assist. from other town | 50.85 | |
| Aid Dep. Children from State | 979.04 | |
| Disability assist. from State | 322.26 | |
| | <hr/> | \$11,414.32 |

Schools

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------|--|
| Tuition, Town of Wales | \$4,481.02 | |
| Town of Holland | 89.10 | |
| H.F.A. Instruction fund | 500.00 | |

Tuition & Transportation

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|----------------------|-----------|
| from State | 26,543.38 |
| Union Superintendent | 1,866.66 |

\$33,480.16

School lunch program:

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|-------------|------------|
| Lunch sales | \$4,679.44 |
| From State | 1,649.32 |

\$6,328.76

Miscellaneous

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Rent of Town Hall | \$697.00 |
| Court fines | 339.00 |
| Library fines | 15.50 |
| Reimb. digging graves | 40.00 |
| Reimb. for foundations | 32.00 |
| Sealer's fees | 32.25 |
| Sale of oxygen | 7.50 |
| Reimb. for fires | 19.00 |
| Sale of land | 700.00 |
| Comp. insurance added to fund | 686.95 |

\$2,569.20

Interest

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| On taxes | \$323.27 |
| Library trust funds | 284.36 |
| Cemetery & other funds | 441.67 |

\$1,049.30

Municipal Indebtedness

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Highway reimbursement loan | \$17,325.00 |
|----------------------------|-------------|

Agency and Trust

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Dog Licenses for County | \$675.20 | |
| Withheld tax for Federal Gov't | 6,646.56 | |
| County retirement fund | 642.25 | |
| Bequest for perpetual care | 100.00 | |
| Memorial fund | 117.04 | |
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| | | \$8,181.05 |

Refunds:

| | | |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Town Counsel's salary (1953) | \$100.00 | |
| Comp. insurance premium | 212.04 | |
| Treasurer's checks unclaimed | 15.50 | |
| Overpayments various dep'ts | 62.50 | |
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| | | \$390.04 |

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|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Total receipts | \$241,119.62 |
| Cash on hand beginning of year | 55,870.80 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$296,990.42 |

PAYMENTS

General Government

Selectmen

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Salaries, Selectmen | \$666.65 |
| Clerk | 117.50 |
| Printing, postage, etc | 36.52 |
| Association dues | 15.00 |
| Dog Officer | 274.35 |
| Filing fees | 25.00 |
| Telephone | 102.50 |

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|----------------------|--------|
| Other | 120.42 |
| Perambulating bounds | 30.55 |

\$1,388.49

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|---------|-------|
| Balance | 21.51 |
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|---------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$1,400.00 |
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| Refund | 10.00 |
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\$1,410.00

Town Accountant

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|--------|----------|
| Salary | \$660.00 |
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|------------------------|-------|
| Printing, postage, etc | 33.35 |
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| Other | 6.10 |
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\$699.45

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| Balance | .55 |
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| Appropriation | \$700.00 |
|---------------|----------|

Treasurer

| | |
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| Salary | \$500.00 |
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|---------------------|-------|
| Clerical assistance | 50.00 |
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|------------------------|--------|
| Printing, postage, etc | 139.32 |
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| Surety bond | 45.00 |
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| Insurance | 67.50 |
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| Travel expense | 20.25 |
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| Recording fees | 18.00 |
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| Other | 9.60 |
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\$849.67

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| Balance | .33 |
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\$850.00

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|-------------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$750.00 |
| From reserve fund | 100.00 |
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| | \$850.00 |

Tax Collector

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Salary | \$550.00 |
| Surety bond | 68.60 |
| Printing, postage, etc | 313.49 |
| Other | 55.09 |
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| | \$987.18 |
| Balance | 12.82 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$1,000.00 |

Assessors

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Salaries | \$600.00 |
| Clerical assistance | 260.00 |
| Printing, postage, etc | 41.20 |
| Photostats | 37.60 |
| Travel expense | 81.00 |
| Other | 18.75 |
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| | \$1,038.55 |
| Balance | 11.45 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$1,050.00 |

Town Clerk

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Salary | \$200.00 |
| Recording fees | 68.00 |
| Printing, postage, etc | 83.27 |
| Surety bond | 7.50 |

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|---------------|----------|
| Telephone | 32.85 |
| Other | 30.26 |
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| | \$421.88 |
| Balance | 28.12 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$450.00 |

Election & Registration

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|-------------------|----------|
| Registrars | \$27.50 |
| Election Officers | 196.00 |
| Printing | 31.65 |
| Street Lists | 125.00 |
| Other | 7.59 |
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| | \$387.74 |
| Balance | 212.26 |
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| Appropriation | \$600.00 |

Certifying Notes

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|---------------|---------|
| Certification | \$2.00 |
| Balance | 8.00 |
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| Appropriation | \$10.00 |

Moderator

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|---------------|---------|
| Salary | \$50.00 |
| Appropriation | 50.00 |

Town Counsel

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|---------------|----------|
| Salary | \$100.00 |
| Appropriation | 100.00 |

Town Hall

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|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Janitor's salary | \$780.00 | |
| Fuel | 530.46 | |
| Light | 87.24 | |
| Janitor's supplies | 81.90 | |
| Repairs | 18.50 | |
| New Furniture | 149.13 | |
| New office partition | 196.00 | |
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| | \$1,843.23 | |
| Balance | 556.77 | |
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| Appropriation | \$2,400.00 | |
| Total, General Government | | \$7,768.19 |

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

Police

| | | |
|----------------------|----------|--|
| Constables' Services | \$156.13 | |
| Equipment | 20.63 | |
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| | \$176.76 | |
| Balance | 23.24 | |
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| Appropriation | \$200.00 | |

Fire Department

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|------------------------|------------|--|
| Salary, Chief | \$100.00 | |
| Fire pay rolls | 389.25 | |
| Fire and oil permits | 152.30 | |
| Insurance | 411.66 | |
| Rent, repairs, etc | 1,391.60 | |
| Equipment and supplies | 151.82 | |
| Telephone | 159.41 | |
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| | \$2,756.04 | |

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| Balance | 18.96 |
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| | \$2,775.00 |
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| Appropriation | \$2,200.00 |
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| Reserve fund | 575.00 |
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| | \$2,775.00 |
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Moth Suppression

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|-------|----------|
| Labor | \$357.93 |
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| Balance | 142.07 |
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| Appropriation | \$500.00 |
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Tree Warden

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|--------|---------|
| Salary | \$25.00 |
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|-------|-------|
| Labor | 23.46 |
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|------|------|
| Auto | 2.50 |
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| | \$60.96 |
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| Balance | 39.04 |
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| Appropriation | \$100.00 |
|---------------|----------|

Sealer of Weights and Measures

| | |
|--------|---------|
| Salary | \$50.00 |
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|----------|------|
| Supplies | 5.21 |
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|----------------|-------|
| Transportation | 19.00 |
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| | \$74.21 |
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| Balance | .79 |
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| Appropriation | \$75.00 |
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| Total, Protection Persons and Property | \$3,425.90 |
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HIGHWAYS

Chapter 81

| | |
|-----------|------------|
| Labor | \$6,712.15 |
| Machinery | 7,023.05 |
| Materials | 5,771.67 |
| Insurance | 338.13 |

\$19,845.00

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|--------------------|------------|
| Town appropriation | \$2,520.00 |
| State allotment | 17,325.00 |

\$19,845.00

Chapter 90 Construction, 1953 contract

| | |
|-----------|------------|
| Labor | \$1,966.95 |
| Machinery | 4,078.55 |
| Materials | 1,257.97 |
| Insurance | 19.58 |

\$7,947.86

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|-------------------|------------|
| Balance from 1953 | \$7,946.86 |
| Refund | 1.00 |

\$7,947.86

Chapter 90 Construction, 1954 contract

| | |
|-----------|------------|
| Labor | \$2,631.10 |
| Machinery | 4,209.64 |
| Materials | 3,469.89 |
| Insurance | 221.20 |

\$10,531.83

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|-------------------------|----------|
| Balance carried to 1955 | 1,468.17 |
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\$12,000.00

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|--------------------|------------|-------------|
| Town appropriation | \$3,000.00 | |
| County allotment | 3,000.00 | |
| State allotment | 6,000.00 | |
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| | | \$12,000.00 |

Chapter 90 Maintenance

| | | |
|-----------|----------|------------|
| Labor | \$392.00 | |
| Machinery | 432.45 | |
| Materials | 1,257.97 | |
| Insurance | 19.58 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2,100.00 |
| Balance | | 300.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2,400.00 |

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|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Town appropriation | \$1,000.00 | |
| County allotment | 700.00 | |
| State allotment | 700.00 | |
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| | | \$2,400.00 |

General Highway

| | | |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| Labor | \$1,623.57 | |
| Machinery | 1,119.98 | |
| Materials | 583.94 | |
| Insurance | 71.29 | |
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| | | \$3,398.78 |
| Balance | | 1,601.22 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | | \$5,000.00 |

Machinery Account

| | |
|-----------|----------|
| Labor | \$417.75 |
| Insurance | 449.14 |

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|--------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Gas & Oil | 1,424.06 | |
| Rent, supplies & repairs | 1,995.69 | |
| Telephone | 102.75 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$4,389.39 | |
| 1953 overdraft | 480.98 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | 4,870.37 | |
| Balance | 3,170.63 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Appropriated from fund | \$8,041.00 | |
| Total Highways | | \$49,419.59 |

Health

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|--|
| Inspection of Animals | \$56.00 | |
| Services slaughtering inspector | 20.50 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$76.50 | |
| Balance | 123.50 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Appropriation | \$200.00 | |

Charities

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------|--|
| Salary, Welfare Board | \$150.00 | |
| Medicine & Medical Care | 409.50 | |
| Salary, Welfare Worker | 37.50 | |
| Relief by other towns | 213.15 | |
| Groceries & Fuel | 590.39 | |
| Cash grants | 148.45 | |
| Other services | 231.95 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$1,780.94 | |
| Balance | 44.06 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$1,825.00 | |

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| Appropriation | \$1,800.00 | |
| Refund, overpay' | 25.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$1,825.00 |

Old Age Assistance

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1953 Balance | \$401.64 | |
| Federal Grants 1954 | 8,786.42 | |
| Town appropriation | 14,000.00 | |
| Refund | 6.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$23,194.06 |
| Cash grants | \$22,238.47 | |
| Balance in town appropriation | 634.73 | |
| Balance in Federal funds | 320.86 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$23,194.06 |

Aid to Dependent Children

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 1953 Balance | \$80.82 | |
| Federal grants, 1954 | 2,338.60 | |
| Town appropriation | 3,000.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$5,419.42 |
| Cash grants | \$4,593.41 | |
| Balance in Federal funds | 221.11 | |
| Balance in town appropriation | 604.90 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$5,419.42 |

Old Age Assistance, Administration

| | | |
|---------------------|----------|------------|
| 1953 Balance | \$150.64 | |
| Federal Grants 1954 | 198.30 | |
| Town Appropriation | 1,300.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$1,648.94 |

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|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Salaries and services | \$1,758.95 | |
| Overdraft (Federal funds) | 110.01 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,648.94 |

Aid to Dependent Children, Administration

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| Federal Grants, 1954 | \$11.15 |
| Expended | 11.15 |

Disability Assistance

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Balance 1953 Federal Funds | \$43.78 | |
| Federal grants 1954 | 644.63 | |
| Town appropriation | 800.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,488.41 |
| Cash grants | \$1,384.93 | |
| Balance in Federal Funds | 5.41 | |
| Balance in town appropriation | 98.07 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,488.41 |

Administration

| | |
|----------------------------|---------|
| 1953 balance Federal funds | \$29.07 |
| Federal grant 1954 | 33.48 |
| | <hr/> |
| Expended | \$62.55 |

Veterans' Service District

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Paid treasurer of District | \$741.60 | |
| Balance | 15.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Raised by Assessors | \$756.60 | |
| Total Charities | | \$32,572.00 |

Veterans' Benefits

| | |
|---------------|------------|
| Expended | \$2,440.25 |
| Balance | 59.75 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$2,500.00 |

Schools

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| General Administration | \$3,161.37 |
| Teachers' Salaries | 33,003.50 |
| Text books & supplies | 2,042.04 |
| Janitor service | 3,200.16 |
| Fuel and light | 3,053.93 |
| Repairs | 382.13 |
| Health | 750.00 |
| Transportation | 18,414.74 |
| Janitor's supplies | 375.72 |
| New equipment | 193.94 |
| Care of grounds | 58.42 |
| Graduation expense | |
| Other | 32.35 |
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| | \$64,658.30 |
| Balance | 3,026.70 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$67,685.00 |

Trade School Tuition and Transportation

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|--------------------------|------------|
| Tuition paid Springfield | \$188.58 |
| Tuition paid Southbridge | 379.69 |
| Transportation | 390.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$958.27 |
| Balance | 41.73 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$1,000.00 |

School Lunch Program

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|------------------------|------------|------------|
| Receipts from lunches | \$4,937.20 | |
| From State | 1,391.56 | |
| 1953 balance | 134.66 | |
| | <hr/> | \$6,463.42 |
| Labor | \$2,292.25 | |
| Groceries & Provisions | 3,740.77 | |
| Other | 273.11 | |
| | <hr/> | \$6,463.42 |

Tantasqua Regional School

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|----------------|-------------|
| Appropriation | \$32,067.02 |
| Paid treasurer | 32,067.02 |

Library

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|-----------------------------|----------|------------|
| Salary, Librarian | \$674.97 | |
| Assistant at East Brimfield | 26.00 | |
| Janitor | 180.00 | |
| Books | 294.56 | |
| Periodicals | 57.95 | |
| Fuel | 244.37 | |
| Light | 71.04 | |
| Insurance | 78.84 | |
| Repairs | 77.57 | |
| Janitor's Supplies | 4.31 | |
| Other | 1.95 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,711.56 |
| Town appropriation | \$900.00 | |
| Dog Fund | 527.20 | |
| Income from funds | 205.52 | |
| Lincoln fund (insurance) | 78.84 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,711.56 |

Common

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Labor & supplies, common | \$160.57 |
| Painting flag pole | 65.00 |
| Painting monument fence | 111.10 |
| Balance | 24.43 |

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| Appropriation | \$250.00 | \$361.10 |
| Pearsall Fund | 111.10 | |
| | | \$361.10 |

Memorial Day

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|--------|---------|
| Plants | \$72.80 |
| Flags | 33.73 |
| Music | 9.49 |
| Other | 8.98 |

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|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$125.00 |
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Property Insurance

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|---------------|----------|
| Premiums paid | \$892.53 |
| Balance | 37.47 |

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|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$930.00 |
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Compensation Insurance

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|---------------|----------|
| Premium paid | \$950.24 |
| Appropriation | 950.24 |

Aid to Agriculture

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|---------------|---------|
| Appropriation | \$75.00 |
| Expended | 75.00 |

Retirement Fund

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$549.57 |
| Paid County Treasurer | 549.57 |

Town Reports

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Printing | \$481.64 |
| Postage | 24.00 |
| Typing and mailing | 20.00 |

\$525.64

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| Balance | 24.36 |
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|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$550.00 |
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Interest

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|----------------------|----------|
| On highway loan | \$231.48 |
| On tractor loan | 4.89 |
| On schoolhouse bonds | 805.00 |

\$1,041.37

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|---------|-------|
| Balance | 58.63 |
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|---------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$1,100.00 |
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Cemetery

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|----------------------------|----------|
| Labor | \$751.04 |
| Pick-up truck | 300.00 |
| Repairs and supplies, etc. | 117.89 |

\$1,168.93

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|---------|-------|
| Balance | 46.07 |
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\$1,215.00

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|---------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$1,140.00 |
| Reserve fund | 75.00 |

\$1,215.00

Indebtedness

| | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Highway loan | \$17,325.00 |
| Tractor loan | 978.00 |
| Schoolhouse bonds | 8,000.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$26,303.00 |

Agency and Trust

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| State Audit and Parks | \$769.27 |
| County Tax | 2,471.96 |
| Dog licenses for County | 675.20 |
| Perpetual Care funds | 297.64 |
| Withholding tax | 6,646.56 |
| County Retirement fund | 642.25 |
| County Hospital assessment | 104.00 |
| Trust Funds deposited | 100.00 |
| Cemetery Wall fund | 32.93 |
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| | \$11,739.81 |

Refunds

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|--------------------------|------------|
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax | \$799.86 |
| Property and Poll taxes | 820.79 |
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| | \$1,620.65 |

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| Total expenditures | \$247,732.12 |
| Cash at end of year | 49,258.30 |
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| | \$296,990.42 |

FRANK S. GIFFORD

Town Accountant

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD
BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1954

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| Chap. 90 Construction | 1,468.17 |
| State Census | 150.00 |

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| Sale of Real Estate Fund | 5,568.77 |
| Sale Cemetery Lots Fund | 700.00 |
| Center School Addition | 10.00 |
| War Memorial | 2,288.08 |
| County Tax, over-estimate | 117.04 |
| County Hospital Tax, over-estimate | 127.17 |
| Highway reimbursement loan | 10.26 |
| State Tax over-estimate | 17,325.00 |
| Surplus Revenue | .92 |
| | 36,313.95 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$74,649.25 |

TRUST FUNDS

| | | |
|--|-------------|------------|
| Trust and Investment funds, cash on deposit | \$39,686.48 | |
| Harriet Harding, Charity | | \$2,977.02 |
| Burns Family, School | | 1,066.66 |
| Harriet Allen, School | | 788.43 |
| Cemetery Gate Fund | | 38.52 |
| Cemetery Wall Fund | | 397.81 |
| Pearsall Monument Fund | | 118.78 |
| Hoyt Animal Cemetery Fund | | 414.15 |
| Perpetual Care Funds | | 22,155.85 |

Library Funds:

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| Mary K. Hyde | \$831.50 |
| U. J. Shaw | 2,489.09 |
| E. C. Flynt | 103.52 |
| Julia E. Coy | 645.04 |
| A. G. Tarbell | 200.00 |
| Elizabeth B. Robinson | 411.41 |
| Fitzhenry Warren | 1,000.00 |
| Emily Woods | 500.00 |
| Chamberlin-Smith | 725.41 |
| Lincoln Building Fund | 3,823.29 |
| Burns Family | 1,000.00 |
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| | 11,729.26 |

\$39,686.46

OUTSTANDING DEBT

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954:
Old schoolhouse loan
New schoolhouse loan

Net bonded debt

\$7,000.00
36,000.00

\$43,000.00

\$43,000.00

\$43,000.00

Tax Collector's Report

1954

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|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Commitments as per warrants | | \$65,797.55 |
| Abatements, refunded | | 437.75 |
| | | <hr/> \$66,235.30 |
| Cash to treasurer | \$57,071.61 | |
| Abatements | 2,314.12 | |
| | <hr/> | 59,385.73 |
| Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954 | | <hr/> \$6,849.57 |

1953

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|---------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954 | | \$7,247.72 |
| Abatements refunded | | 383.04 |
| Commitment in 1954 | | 177.60 |
| | | <hr/> \$7,808.36 |
| Cash to treasurer | \$7,075.98 | |
| Abatements | 109.44 | |
| | <hr/> | 7,185.42 |
| Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954 | | <hr/> \$ 622.94 |

1952

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954 | | \$1,898.97 |
| Cash to treasurer | \$1,854.94 | |
| Abatements | 8.55 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,863.49 |
| Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954 | | <hr/> \$35.48 |

1951

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|---------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954 | | \$116.70 |
| Cash to treasurer | \$22.00 | |
| Abatement | 6.60 | |
| | <hr/> | 28.60 |
| Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954 | | <hr/> \$88.10 |

Motor Vehicle Excise, 1954

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|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Commitment as per warrants | | \$11,675.54 |
| Abatements refunded | | 132.42 |
| | | <hr/> \$11,807.96 |
| Cash to treasurer | \$10,020.81 | |
| Abatements | 145.39 | |
| | <hr/> | 10,166.20 |
| Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954 | | <hr/> \$1,641.76 |

1953

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|--------------------------|--|------------|
| Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954 | | \$4,758.26 |
| Commitment in 1954 | | 1,858.98 |

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|----------------------|--------|
| Abatements, refunded | 560.18 |
| Adjustment | .03 |

\$7,177.45

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|-------------------|------------|
| Cash to treasurer | \$6,494.17 |
| Abatements | 541.11 |

7,035.28

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|---------------------------|----------|
| Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954 | \$142.17 |
|---------------------------|----------|

1952

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954 | \$994.37 |
| Abatements, refunded | 107.26 |

\$1,101.63

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|-------------------|----------|
| Cash to treasurer | \$823.64 |
| Abatements | 158.29 |

981.93

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|---------------------------|----------|
| Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954 | \$119.70 |
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JEAN HAYWARD,

Collector of Taxes

Memorial Day Committee

The Memorial Day Committee expresses appreciation for the cooperation of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary, also for the teachers and pupils who participated in the program.

Special thanks are due the "Woodbine" for free ice cream.

GEORGE HITCHCOCK

PERCY MOORE

ALBERT GENDREAU

PERRY WESTON

MARGARET GILMAN

GLADYS L. WEBBER

Cemetery Commissioners' Report

To the citizens of Brimfield:

We believe your cemeteries have been properly maintained during the past year and we appreciate the splendid cooperation of all in this effort.

For the coming year, we are requesting an appropriation of \$1,350.00; the increase being (a) a new power mower, which we estimate can be obtained for a net cost of \$400. and (b) we propose to initiate a program of tree planting and plan an initial expenditure of \$50. for this project.

Respectfully submitted,

CHENEY F. NEWTON

GEORGE E. HITCHCOCK

EVERETT D. LANDEN

Amounts expended for General Care of Cemetery

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| George Hitchcock | \$337.25 |
| Victor Howlett | 5.13 |
| Norman Howlett | 5.95 |
| Louis Martin | 10.88 |
| Lyman Stanton | 1.10 |
| Robert Dionne | 183.73 |
| Harold Hitchcock | 10.00 |
| Kenneth Brown | 8.25 |
| John Lach | 25.04 |
| Donald Hufault | 10.50 |
| A. Hufault | 1.93 |
| A. Dionne | 19.25 |
| Melvin Osgood | 135.03 |
| Brimfield Garage | 36.26 |
| Haley's Grain Store | 3.85 |
| Crest Motor Sales | 300.00 |
| Weidenmiller & Magovern | 57.48 |
| Hatch's Village Store | 3.55 |
| George Hitchcock | 10.75 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,168.93 |

Amounts expended from Endowed Funds

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| George Hitchcock | \$135.00 |
| Kenneth Brown | 3.30 |
| Donald Hufault | 8.50 |
| Melvin Osgood | 61.60 |
| Robert Dionne | 68.55 |
| John Lach | 7.15 |
| A. Dionne | 10.45 |
| Brimfield Garage | 3.09 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$297.64 |

Highways

Amounts expended under Chapter 81

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| George B. Sherman | \$1,666.90 |
| Ralph Stanton | 1,186.50 |
| Victor Howlett | 1,052.50 |
| William Russell | 96.25 |
| Norman Wesson | 965.00 |
| Lester Strom | 425.00 |
| Charles Sherman | 797.50 |
| Robert Cutler | 140.00 |
| Clark Hayward | 5.00 |
| E. Pelletier | 83.75 |
| John Sherman | 8.75 |
| George Dockham | 110.00 |
| Pat Haley | 32.50 |
| Ronald Cutler | 50.00 |
| Charles Lane | 52.50 |
| Barrett Division | 4,326.97 |
| N. E. Metal Culvert Co. | 906.32 |
| Brimfield Oil Co. | 3.40 |
| Camosse Bros. | 17.00 |
| Hatch's Village Store | 47.87 |
| B & M Asphalt Corp. | 41.25 |
| Blake Bros. | 456.00 |
| Town of East Brookfield | 106.00 |
| Charles Day | 171.50 |
| Town of Charlton | 88.00 |
| James Moran | 1,029.55 |
| Ernest Smart | 432.00 |
| Red Lee | 161.50 |

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|------------------------|-------------|
| Levi Blake | 34.00 |
| Leonard Poirier | 612.00 |
| Harold Hitchcock | 476.00 |
| Victor Howlett | 351.50 |
| Louis Gagliardi | 104.55 |
| George Watson | 5.25 |
| Ernest Roberts | 23.40 |
| Compensation Insurance | 338.13 |
| Town Machinery | 3,440.66 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$19,845.00 |

Amounts expended under Chapter 90 Construction

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| George B. Sherman | \$1,048.80 |
| Ralph Stanton | 797.50 |
| Victor Howlett | 777.25 |
| Wm. Russell | 300.00 |
| Lyman Stanton | 5.00 |
| Robert Cutler | 25.00 |
| Donald Young | 16.25 |
| Lester Strom | 300.00 |
| George Dockham | 83.75 |
| Norman Wesson | 741.25 |
| David Cheney | 20.00 |
| Charles Sherman | 421.25 |
| Ronald Cutler | 10.00 |
| Ernest Pelletier | 10.00 |
| Chas. Cruso | 12.00 |
| Chas. Chaffee | 17.50 |
| Ciesla Bros. | 30.00 |
| Arthur Jefferson | 70.00 |
| Harold Hitchcock | 260.50 |
| Haley's Grain Store | 13.90 |
| Edward Christiansen | 135.41 |
| Dick's Esso Station | 10.38 |
| Camosse Bros. | 51.00 |

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| Brimfield Oil Co. | 5.78 |
| Town of Charlton | 216.00 |
| Red Lee | 38.25 |
| Morgan Bros. | 44.00 |
| Blake Bros. | 390.00 |
| Charles Herbert | 213.50 |
| Town of Brookfield | 30.00 |
| Norman Wesson | 30.00 |
| Charles Chase | 413.00 |
| Charles Day | 213.50 |
| James Moran | 2,150.60 |
| E. J. Smart | 655.00 |
| Leonard Poirier | 22.00 |
| Comm'lth of Mass. | 210.00 |
| Town of East Brookfield | 2.60 |
| Norman Goddu | 400.00 |
| Theodore Skowyra | 153.00 |
| Barrett Division | 1,735.53 |
| N. E. Metal Culvert Co. | 1,664.14 |
| Louis Gagliardi | 4.50 |
| Frank Hall | 102.00 |
| Barbara Brown | 15.00 |
| Mrs. Hattie Lavalley | 770.06 |
| Compensation Insurance | 320.15 |
| Town Machinery | 3,494.34 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$18,479.69 |

Amounts expended under General Highway

| | |
|-------------------|----------|
| George B. Sherman | \$469.55 |
| Ralph Stanton | 343.26 |
| Victor Howlett | 150.10 |
| Raymond Clarke | 79.30 |
| Charles Cole | 33.00 |
| Norman Wesson | 115.63 |
| Charles Sherman | 132.83 |

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|------------------------|------------|
| John Sherman | 16.50 |
| William Cadieux | 8.80 |
| Robert Cutler | 10.00 |
| William Russell | 20.00 |
| Lester Strom | 40.00 |
| Andrew Gondek | 94.60 |
| George Dockham | 10.00 |
| Hatch's Village Store | 13.90 |
| N. D. Fountain | 59.20 |
| Percy Moore | 2.10 |
| State Prison | 25.00 |
| Chemical Corp. | 286.65 |
| Chas. Barrington | 109.44 |
| Jeff Trucking | 60.48 |
| Louis Gagliardi | 37.65 |
| Compensation Insurance | 71.29 |
| Town machinery | 1,001.05 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$3,190.33 |

Amounts expended under Chapter 90 Maintenance

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| George B. Sherman | \$70.00 |
| Ralph Stanton | 50.00 |
| Victor Howlett | 50.00 |
| Charles Sherman | 50.00 |
| Norman Wesson | 40.00 |
| Lester Strom | 20.00 |
| Ronald Cutler | 20.00 |
| E. Pelletier | 20.00 |
| Charles Lane | 20.00 |
| George Dockham | 50.00 |
| Barrett Division | 1,215.22 |
| J. J. Moran | 153.60 |
| Benny Blake | 70.00 |
| Harold Hitchcock | 77.00 |
| Town of East Brookfield | 50.40 |

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|-----------------|------------|
| Louis Gagliardi | 42.75 |
| Insurance | 19.58 |
| Town machinery | 81.45 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,100.00 |

Amounts expended from Machinery Account

| | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| George B. Sherman | \$214.80 |
| Ralph Stanton | 165.45 |
| Victor Howlett | 11.25 |
| Charles Sherman | 26.25 |
| Hatch's Village Store | 14.11 |
| Brimfield Garage | 593.33 |
| Valley Garage | 684.96 |
| Palmer Auto Parts | 3.60 |
| Monson Repair Shop | 25.00 |
| Columbian Steel Co. | 207.18 |
| Brimfield Oil Co. | 61.05 |
| Zabek Motor Sales | 67.12 |
| Graves Equipment Inc. | 22.36 |
| Bowker, Hamblin, Malmquist | 203.90 |
| William Spooner | 428.83 |
| Hitchcock Academy | 100.00 |
| Telephone | 102.75 |
| Socony-Vacuum Oil Co. | 1,363.01 |
| Tyler Equipment Corp. | 61.93 |
| Dick's Radiator Shop | 5.00 |
| Compensation Insurance | 20.31 |
| Town Machinery | 7.20 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$4,389.39 |
| 1953 overdraft | 480.98 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$4,870.37 |

Report of The Board of Public Welfare and Bureau of Old Age Assistance

Following the standards set by the Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare, aid has been granted to an average case load of 25 Old Age assistance cases, 3 Aid to Dependent Children, 2 Disability cases, and 9 General Relief Temporary Aid cases in 1954. The addition of new cases in the three major categories has been offset by deaths, or increases in resources which resulted in their being dropped from the category payroll. The Bureau of Old Age Assistance aided three cases in other towns during the year 1954, but we have only two at the start of the new year. For the start of 1955, we have 21 OAA cases, 3 ADC cases, 2 DA cases, 2 Temporary Relief and 1 permanent relief cases with settlement in other towns. Many of the GR cases aided during the year had either State settlement or settlement in other towns, and on these, Brimfield has received reimbursement.

The State Medical Plan which went into effect July 1, 1954 has been incorporated into the local administration with a few adjustments. The new plan calls for a stringent check-up on all medical expenditures, quarterly check-ups by physicians with reports to the Board, and pre-authorization for these and other services by the welfare worker. This new plan with its detailed reports and extra clerical duties has put a strain on the time element under which the Welfare Department has

operated. After many discussions with the Springfield District office, the Brimfield Board of Public Welfare has authorized the welfare worker to keep the office open for a longer period during the week, thus assuring better service to the recipients, and better administration of the department.

Starting January 3, 1955, Welfare Worker Albert R. Dupsha has been administering the welfare programs from the office in the Town Hall, with office hours Monday morning, Tuesday 9-5 Wednesday 9-5 and Friday 9-5. Those who wish to place an application with the Board and/or ask any questions pertaining to aid, may apply at that time. All files and information pertaining to the recipients are strictly confidential, as required by law, but the Board wishes to invite any who are interested in how the programs are administered to visit the office at any time.

Respectfully submitted for the

Brimfield Board of Public Welfare

ALBERT R. DUPSHA, Welfare Worker

J. FREDERICK LAWRENCE, Chairman

NANCY E. COX

LLEWELLYN B. NORTON

Report of Assessors

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| Town appropriations raised by taxation | \$133,508.78 |
| Appropriated from available funds | 31,804.05 |
| State Parks | 286.57 |
| State Audit | 535.77 |
| County Tax | 2,599.13 |
| Tuberculosis Hospital assessment | 114.26 |
| Overlay | 2,495.25 |
| Vet's Service Dist. assessment | 756.60 |
| Overlay 1953 and 1952, deficit | 44.15 |
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| | \$172,144.56 |
| Available funds & Estimated receipts | 107,896.16 |
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| Net amount to be raised by taxation | \$64,248.40 |
| 420 Polls @ \$2.00 | 840.00 |
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| Tax assessed on property | \$63,408.40 |
| Valuation of personal property | \$179,850.00 |
| Valuation of real estate | 973,030.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total valuation | \$1,152,880.00 |
| Tax rate \$55.00 per \$1,000 | |
| Tax assessed on motor vehicles | \$13,534.52 |

EDWARD J. KILLIAN

JOHN M. HALEY

JOHN P. MOORE

Board of Assessors

BUDGET FOR 1955

| | Appro. 1954 | Exp. 1954 | Fin. Com. Approval for 1955 |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Selectmen | \$1,400.00 | \$1,388.49 | \$1,550.00 |
| Accountant | 700.00 | 699.45 | 700.00 |
| Moderator | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Treasurer | 850.00 | 849.67 | 1,100.00 |
| Collector | 1,000.00 | 987.18 | 1,000.00 |
| Assessors | 1,050.00 | 1,038.55 | 1,150.00 |
| Election & Registration | 600.00 | 387.84 | 300.00 |
| Certifying Notes | 10.00 | 2.00 | 10.00 |
| Town Clerk | 450.00 | 421.88 | 450.00 |
| Town Hall | 2,400.00 | 1,843.23 | 2,400.00 |
| Town Counsel | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Police | 200.00 | 176.76 | 200.00 |
| Fire Department | 2,775.00 | 2,756.04 | 2,900.00 |
| Sealer | 75.00 | 74.21 | 100.00 |
| Moth Suppression | 500.00 | 357.93 | 300.00 |
| Tree Warden | 100.00 | 60.96 | 300.00 |
| Reserve Fund | 750.00 | | 750.00 |
| Health | 200.00 | 76.50 | 200.00 |
| Highways: Chapter 81 | 2,520.00 | 2,520.00 | 2,520.00 |
| Chap. 90 Constr. | 3,000.00 | 2,610.61 | 3,000.00 |
| Chap. 90 Maint. | 1,000.00 | 700.00 | 700.00 |
| General Highway | 5,000.00 | 3,398.78 | 5,000.00 |
| Street Lighting | 1,250.00 | 1,206.73 | 1,550.00 |
| Charity (Public Welfare) | 1,800.00 | 1,780.94 | 1,500.00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 14,000.00 | 13,365.27 | 14,000.00 |
| Aid to Dep. Children | 3,000.00 | 2,395.10 | 3,000.00 |

| | Appro. 1954 | Exp. 1954 | Fin. Com. Approval for 1955 |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Disability Assistance | 800.00 | 701.93 | 1,400.00 |
| Old Age Asst. Admin. | 1,300.00 | 1,300.00 | 2,200.00 |
| Veterans' Benefits | 2,500.00 | 2,440.25 | 1,000.00 |
| Schools | 67,685.00 | 64,658.30 | 51,600.00 |
| Trade School Tuition & Trans. | 1,000.00 | 958.27 | 1,000.00 |
| Tantasqua Regional School | 32,067.02 | 32,067.02 | 57,903.38 |
| Library | 900.00 | 900.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Common | 250.00 | 225.57 | 675.00 |
| Memorial Day | 125.00 | 125.00 | 150.00 |
| Insurance | 930.00 | 892.53 | 650.00 |
| Town Reports | 550.00 | 525.64 | 560.00 |
| Cemetery | 1,215.00 | 1,168.93 | 1,350.00 |
| Interest | 1,100.00 | 1,041.37 | 1,000.00 |
| County Retirement Fund | 549.57 | 549.57 | 689.16 |
| | <hr/> 156,651.59 | <hr/> 146,802.52 | <hr/> 166,187.54 |

Report of the Finance Committee

The finance committee met on April 5 and elected the following officers: Noah D. Fountain, chairman; James C. Hatch, vice-chairman; and Denzil Bagster-Collins, Secretary.

On May 3 the committee met with the selectmen to discuss the handling of purchases of new equipment for the highway department. It was explained that when town equipment is used, rental is "charged" and credited to the machinery reserve fund. The money thus accumulated is available as needed for transfer to the machinery account, but may be transferred only by action of the voters at a Town Meeting. The committee agreed, as in previous years, not to hold another regular meeting until the second Monday in September.

The committee next met on September 13 and heard the Town Accountant's recommendations regarding several articles involving the transfer of funds, in the warrant for a special Town Meeting on Monday, September 20. Mr. Gifford recommended that all transfers be made from Surplus revenue, except in the case of two articles. Since these dealt with aid to dependent children and veteran's benefit, it was his judgment that they met the requirement of appropriations for extraordinary and unexpected purposes and could therefore properly be taken from the surplus overlay fund. After thorough discussion the committee voted to approve the recommendations of the town accountant. Another article dealing with the transfer of \$500 from surplus

revenue to the selectmen was explained as being needed to provide funds for reimbursing the dog officer for his activities, since money collected from the dog tax may not be used for that purpose.

The committee met briefly on October 4, and on November 4 the question of improved street lighting in the Center, referred to the committee by the selectmen, was taken up. A letter from the Worcester County Electric Company was read, proposing that the lights should be operated on full schedule and that the number of lights be increased from seven to eight and be substantially increased in power. While the lighting company did not consider the proposed changes adequate for the amount of traffic passing through the town, it was asserted that the new system would give far better illumination throughout the night, for only a moderate increase in cost.

At its regular meeting on December 6, the committee acted upon a letter from the town accountant recommending the following transfers from the finance committee's reserve fund: treasurer, \$100.00; cemetery, \$75.00; fire department, \$575.00

A special meeting was held on December 20 at the request of the selectmen, to review bids for the purchase of a new highway truck.

On January 18, members of the committee joined with the selectmen, and members of the finance and school committees from the five associated towns of Brimfield, Brookfield, Holland, Sturbridge and Wales, in a meeting in the Tantasqua Regional District School. Chairman Philip R. Palamountain of the Regional District School Committee and Superintendent Walter A.

Scott gave detailed statements regarding costs of construction and equipment to date and presented the budget for the next fiscal year.

A preliminary survey of the annual budget was begun on February 7, with particular reference to items directly under the supervision of the selectmen. Mr. Philip Benjamin appeared in behalf of the library committee and outlined the improvements, undertaken and planned for increasing the use of the town library, that accounted for a substantial increase in the amount requested by his committee. It was decided to hold a special meeting on Monday, February 14, at 7:30 to hear first the Town Accountant's recommendations, and then to meet with representatives of the following departments: cemetery, welfare, schools and fire.

On February 14, the town accountant reviewed the financial condition of the town, with special reference to available "free" surplus revenue. It was voted to recommend to the selectmen that an article be inserted in the warrant for the annual Town Meeting to see what part of this reserve the town would vote to use to reduce the tax rate for the coming year. Mr. Everett D. Landen appeared for the cemetery committee and spoke of the need for purchasing a new lawn mower, which would also be available for use on the common. Mr. J. Frederick Lawrence appeared for the welfare board to present detailed information underlying the requests for the various activities in his department. He pointed out that while social security may be expected eventually to take over most of the welfare work, except that concerned with local general relief, it had not as yet had much effect. Mr. Clark Hayward presented the fire department budget and stressed the need for purchasing new hose for use in fighting forest fires. Mrs. Irene W. Wright and Mr. Henry Lach of

the school committee, and Superintendent Harold M. Ladd, presented the budget for the elementary school and called attention to the separate item for providing transportation from the center to the Tantasqua Regional District School, for which the town is responsible. In closed session the committee reviewed and voted recommendations on all items in the budget and all articles in the town warrant dealing with fiscal matters.

In compliance with sections 4 and 5 of the Town By-Laws, the committee reports that it has held ten regular and special meetings during the year. Once more the committee wishes to commend the selectmen, the town officers and department heads for the splendid cooperation it has been given in its efforts to render sound recommendations to the voters on all matters involving the appropriation and expenditure of the town's money.

Respectfully submitted,

DENZIL BAGSTER-COLLINS

Secretary

Librarian's Report

During 1954 the circulation of books has increased owing, no doubt, to the addition of many more new books to the shelves.

The Library is now open Wednesday and Saturday afternoon and evening and on Sunday for one hour from 12 noon to 1, to accommodate those interested in "Adventure in Reading", a Church project.

There were a few gifts of books to the Library during the year. A gift of an extension light was most welcome and much used to reach the dark corners on the lower shelves.

The open house held in June to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the library in its present building was a success. Many of the visitors were new in the town.

Lists of the new books added have been published in the Palmer paper from time to time.

As usual, all visitors are cordially welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET E. DUNSMORE

Librarian

NEW BOOKS ADDED LAST YEAR

FICTION

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Allis, Marguerite | Brave Pursuit |
| Arnow, Harriette | The Dollmaker |
| Ashton, Helen | Footman in Powder |
| Bassett, Sara Ware | Adrift |
| Bleiler, Everett, Dikty, T. E. | Science Fiction Novels 1954 |
| Brand, Max | The Invisible Outlaw |
| Breck, Vivian | Maggie |
| Caldwell, Taylor | Never Victorious, Never Defeated |
| Carrighar, Sally | Icebound Summer |
| Carroll, Gladys Hasty | One White Star |
| Coatsworth, Elizabeth | Mountain Bride |
| Colver, Alice Ross | The Measure of the Years |
| Courtier, S. H. | One Cried Murder |
| Covert, Alice L. | Winds of Heaven |
| Curtiss, Ursula | Deadly Climate |
| de Hartog, Jan | The Little Ark |
| Dineen, Joseph F. | The Anatomy of a Crime |
| Downes, Anne Miller | Speak to Me, Brother |
| Ferber, Edna | One Basket |
| Fitz-Simmons, Foster | Bright Leaf |
| Forbes, Esther | Rainbow on the Road |
| Forester, C. S. | The Nightmare |
| Gardner, Erle Stanley | The Case of the Runaway Corpse |
| Greene, Graham | 3 Graham Greene |
| Grey, Zane | Lost Pueblo |
| Hayes, Joseph | The Desperate Hours |
| Hyman, Mac | No Time for Sergeants |
| Innes, Hammond | Campbell's Kingdom |
| Jennings, John | Banners Against the Wind |
| Kantor, Mackinlay | God And My Country |
| Keyes, Frances Parkinson | The Royal Box |
| Lagerkvist, Par | The Eternal Smile and other stories |
| Lanham, Edwin | The Iron Maiden |

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Lofts, Norah | Bless This House |
| Masters, John | Bhowani Junction |
| Miller, Helen Topping | No Tears for Christmas |
| Moberg, Vilhelm | Unto a Good Land |
| Morris, Jean | A Man and Two Gods |
| North, Sterling | So Dear to my Heart |
| Paton, Alan | Too Late the Phalarope |
| Queen, Ellery | The Glass Village |
| Roosevelt, Nicholas | A Front Row Seat |
| Seifert, Elizabeth | Marriage for Three |
| Seifert, Shirley | Farewell My General |
| Sharp, Margery | The Gypsy in the Parlor |
| Slaughter, Frank G. | The Song of Ruth |
| Stevenson, D. E. | Blow the Wind Southerly |
| Stone, Alma | The Harvest Tree |
| Stone, Irving | Love is Eternal |
| Street, James | Goodbye, My Lady |
| Street, Edward | Mr. Hobbs' Vacation |
| Ullman, James R. | Banner in the Sky |
| Wertenbaker, Charles | The Death of Kings |
| Wheelwright, Jere | Kentucky Stand |
| White, Nelia Gardner | The Spare Room |
| Wibberley, Leonard | Mrs. Searwood's Secret Weapon |
| Wilson, Ethel | Swamp Angel |
| Yerby, Frank | The Golden Hawk |
| Yerby, Frank | Pride's Castle |

NON-FICTION

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| Barker, Felix | The Oliviers |
| Barzun, Jacques | God's Country and Mine |
| | Book of Small Boats |
| Bowles, Chester | Ambassador's Report |
| Brichill, Paul | Reach for the Sky |
| Bright, John | The Kingdom of God |
| Bristol, Claude M. | T.N.T. The Power Within You |
| Brooks, Van Wyck | The Writer in America |

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| Chapman, F. Spencer | Living Dangerously |
| Chase, Stuart | Power of Words |
| Churchill, Winston S. | Triumph and Tragedy |
| Coffin, Joseph | Coin Collecting |
| Coffin, Robert P. T. | Lost Paradise |
| Crawford, Marion | Margaret, The Story of a Modern Princess |
| Crile, Jane and Barney | Treasure-Driving Holidays |
| Crompton, John | Ways of the Ant |
| Davis, Elmer | But We Were Born Free |
| Dutton, William | Stay On, Stranger! |
| Fisher, Dorothy | Vermont Tradition |
| Frank Josette | Your Child's Reading Today |
| Gilbreth, Frank Jr. | Inside Nantucket |
| Goodwin, Ruby B. | It's Good to be Black |
| Harkness, Georgia | Toward Understanding the Bible |
| Hecht, Ben | A Child of the Century |
| Henrichsen, Margaret | Seven Steeples |
| Holbrook, Stewart H. | The Age of the Moguls |
| Howells, William | Back of History |
| Huff, Darrell | How to Lie with Statistics |
| Hughes, Langston | First Book of Rhythms |
| Hunt, Sir John | Conquest of Everest |
| Johnstone, Margaret Blair | When God Says "No" |
| Kelley, Emmett | Clown |
| Keyhoe, Major Donald E. | Flying Saucers from outer Space |
| Kieran, John | Trees |
| Kilman and Wright | Hugh Roy Cullen |
| Kimbrough, Emily | Forty Plus and Fancy Free |
| Koller, Larry | Fresh Water Fishing |
| Lamb, Harold | Charlemagne |
| Landis, Paul H. | So this is College |
| Le Veir, Tony | Pilot |
| Lewellyn, John | The Atomic Submarine |
| Lewinsohn, Richard | Animals, Men and Myths |
| Long, Harriet | Rich the Treasure |

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| Marshall, Peter | Mr. Jones meet the Master |
| Martin, Dahris | Adventure in Tunisia |
| Means, M. D., James H. Doctors, People and Government | |
| Medary, Marjorie | Each One Teach One |
| Mirsky, Jeanette | |
| | Elisha Keat Kane and the Seafaring Frontier |
| Neider, Charles | Man Against Nature |
| Neider, Charles | The Fabulous Insects |
| Osborn, Fairfield | The Limits of the Earth |
| Ostrow, Albert A. | How to Enjoy Yourself |
| Overstreet, Harry and Bonaro | The Mind Alive |
| Patterson, George N. | Journey with Loshay |
| Peterson, Isabel J. | First Book of Poetry |
| Phillips, J. B. | Your God is Too Small |
| Place, Irene and Madeline Strong | |
| | The Road to Secretarial Success |
| Raverat, Gwen | Period Piece |
| Rose, Anna Perrott | The Gentle House |
| Ryan, Mildred G. | Thrift with a Needle |
| Sandoz, Mari | Cheyenne Autumn |
| Schwartz, Julius | Through the Magnifying Glass |
| Shallcross, John E. | Complete Picnic Book |
| Smith, Lillian | The Journey |
| Sootin, Harry | Michael Faraday |
| Swain, Richard L. | What and Where is God |
| Taber, Gladys | Stillmeadow Seasons |
| Taber, Gladys and Barbara Webster | |
| | Stillmeadow and Sugarbridge |
| Tolstoy, Leo | The Kingdom of God is Within You |
| Turkin, Hy | Little League Baseball |
| Wertham, M. D. | Seduction of the Innocent |
| White, E. B. | The Second Tree from the Corner |
| Williams, Albert N. | The Holy City |
| Witte, Eva Knox | Nothing is Dripping on Us |
| Worden, William L. | General Dean's Story |

JUVENILE

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| Allen, Jerry | Adventures of Mark Twain |
| Barnes, Clare Jr. | White Collar Zoo |
| Baumann, Hans | The Caves of the Great Hunters |
| Bemelmans, Ludwig | Madeline's Rescue |
| Benary-Isbert, Margot | Rowan Farm |
| Bice, Clare | Great Island |
| Brown, Vinson | How to make a Home Nature Museum |
| Brownhall, Winifred | Circus Surprise |
| Carlson, Natalie S. | Alphonse |
| Clark, Ann Nolan | Blue Canyon Horse |
| Coolidge, Olivia | Egyptian Adventures |
| D'Aulaire, Ingri and Edgar | Animals Everywhere |
| Davis, Clyde B. | The Newcomer |
| Dalgliesh, Alice | Courage of Sarah Noble |
| DeJong, Meindert | Shadrach |
| Dick, Trella L. | Tornado Jones |
| Eager | Half Magic |
| Farjeon, Eleanor | The Silver Curlew |
| Fitch, Florence M. | A Book about God |
| Gaer, Joseph | Adventures of Rama |
| Hoke, John | First Book of Photography |
| Judson, Clara I. | Theodore Roosevelt |
| Krumgold, Joseph | And Now Miguel |
| Pace, Mildred M. | Home is Where the Heart Is |
| Payne, Joan B. | The Piebald Princess |
| Sauer, Julia L. | Mike's House |
| Schlein, Miriam | When Will the World be Mine? |
| Smith, Dorothy Evelyn | He Went for a Walk |
| Smith, F. C. | First Book of Conservation |
| Steele, William O. | Winter Danger |
| Syme, Ronald | John Smith of Virginia |
| Tor, Regina | Getting to know Germany |
| Wallerstein, James S. | Tommy and Julie |
| West, Jessamyn | Cress Delahanty |
| Wright, France F. | Daybreak at Sampey Place |
| Zim, Herbert S. | Dinosaurs |

Report of the Fire Chief and Forest Warden

The year 1954 was a good year in the records of the Fire Department. During the year one major fire had to rear its ugly head but, by the grace of God it was Saturday and the trained fire fighters were at home. It is indeed a great feeling of satisfaction and pride to the Brimfield Fire Department that the fire at Mr. Maddock's Store was brought under control in such a short period of time. The business was carried on without interruption.

Weather conditions have been in our favor this past year and few forest fires were had—the largest and longest forest fire was caused by burning papers in an open fire place without a permit.

Incinerators should be located in a safe place, maintained in good condition, covered with a fine mesh screen, and not used except during the prescribed time.

A new storage water tank had to be placed on the ford truck and the pump repaired. This truck is in good repair at present but it is still overloaded. Some thought should be given to replace this truck with something larger to keep our rating as it is.

During the year three fires have been put out and the parties burning have refunded the town for the cost. This practice will continue so be sure you have a permit.

Permits are required for the following:

To install—alter fuel oil burning equipment

To install—alter Liquid Petroleum Gas

For blasting

For Storage of oil & Liquid petroleum Gas

For open air fires

Do you have your permit?

If not, why not?

Hours for burning will be the same during the coming year.

No burning of any kind is permitted between the hours of 9 A. M. and 3 P. M. except on rainy days. Call 209 for your permit. No permits are required for covered incinerators.

I wish to thank the members of the Brimfield Fire Department who cooperate so well to make the department run so well.

New laws have been passed pertaining to following fire trucks and sight seeing at fires—know what they are because the penalties are heavy.

CLARK W. HAYWARD

Chief & Forest Fire Warden

REQUESTED BUDGET FOR 1955

| | |
|---|------------|
| Salary | \$200.00 |
| Storage | 360.00 |
| Gas, oil, & repairs | 500.00 |
| Telephone (new rates) | 200.00 |
| Insurance on men | 200.00 |
| Insurance on trucks | 300.00 |
| Fire permits | 60.00 |
| Forest fire payroll | 500.00 |
| New hose | 400.00 |
| Water holes | 100.00 |
| Inspection of oil burners | 200.00 |
| New Equipment—4 pump cans, 4 tanks of oxygen, 12 batteries, etc. | 300.00 |
| Stationery, stamps, envelopes, etc. misc. | 100.00 |
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| | \$3,420.00 |

1954 Report
of the
**TRUSTEES FOR COUNTY AID TO
AGRICULTURE**

Brimfield, Mass.

The Trustees For County Aid To Agriculture consists of a board of nine unpaid members appointed by the County Commissioners. These Trustees are empowered by law to maintain one or more Agents or instructors in Agriculture, Home-making and Country life, who shall meet the residents of the County, individually and in groups, for the purpose of teaching and demonstrating better practice in Agriculture and Home-making, the benefits to be derived from cooperative efforts, better methods of marketing farm products, and the organization of communities to build up country life. The statutes further allow the Trustees to receive on behalf of the County, money appropriated by any town or by the Federal Government....or by the General Court for any County....and may enter into agreements....relative to Extension Work with adults and with boys and girls in Agriculture, Home-making and Country Life. (G. L. Ch. 128)

In accordance with the above, the Hampden County Trustees during the past year maintained Agents who have been of service to all residents of the County. These Agents have conducted meetings and demonstrations and made individual farm and home visits in connection with many phases of Agricultural and Home-making

practices in all cities, towns and communities in Hampden County. Some of these practices included Better Farm Management, Better Livestock, Insect and Disease Control, Marketing, Soil Testing, Food Preservation, Financial Facts on Buying, Building and Improving the Home, Canning, Gardening, Crafts and Community Organization with Farmers, Homemakers, and Boys and Girls 4-H Club Work both rural and urban. Their counsel and assistance has been available to all citizens of the County without charge.

Our Agents have made contacts in every city, town and community in Hampden County during the past year in one or more projects and have been ably assisted by local committees or individual voluntary leaders as the occasion required.

In Brimfield the following citizens have been of great assistance as voluntary leaders in such projects as were conducted during the year:

Mrs. Albert Gendreau, George Gregory, Mrs. George Gregory, Homer Parker, Mrs. Homer Parker, Mrs. Allen Tinkham, Perry Weston, Mrs. Gladys Whitten, Mrs. Herbert F. Wright.

The above leaders incurred the following expenses, either for travel or for the purchase of material needed to carry on the various projects under their direction:—

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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| 1954 Appropriation | \$75.00 |
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| 1953 Unexpended Balance | \$37.04 |
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| Total Available for 1954 | \$112.04 |
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| Total Expenditure in 1954 | \$46.70 |
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| 1955 Balance Available | \$65.34 |
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| 1955 Recommended Appropriation | \$75.00 |
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NOTE: Any appropriation made to the Trustees For County Aid To Agriculture by the town is deposited with the County Treasurer and held to the credit of the Town for reimbursing local town leaders for their necessary expenses in conducting such work as may be assigned to them.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture

By ALBERT H. FULLER, Clerk

12-6-54

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

We covered all the town roads this year and did some field work. We found and destroyed 749 egg masses of the Gypsy Moth as against 29,945 last year. Undoubtedly the hurricanes were a factor in the large decrease in masses found.

PERCY N. MOORE, Supt.

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

To the Board of Selectmen:

I submit herewith my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1954.

| | Adjusted | Sealed |
|---------------------|----------|--------|
| Platform scales | | 2 |
| Counter scales | | 1 |
| Spring scales | 1 | 4 |
| Computing scales | | 5 |
| Avoirdupois Weights | | 5 |
| Milk Tanks | | 4 |
| Gasoline Meters | 1 | 17 |
| Kerosene Pumps | | 1 |

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST J. COLLETTE

Sealer

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

During the year I have picked up and confined the required number of dogs, 38 dogs. I have destroyed 40 dogs, sold one and released two to their owners after reimbursement for their care. I have investigated 13 cases where dogs had been hit by autos or had allegedly bitten people.

I also travelled 85 miles in three days collecting unpaid dog licenses.

ARTHUR J. MOREAU,

Dog Officer

JURY LIST

Valbert A. Belanger
Wallace H. Fountain
Harold Johnston
Ernest L. Mann

Victor Bonnette
Andrew W. Gondek*
Hugh D. MacGillivray
Raymond C. Rauch

Thomas D. Stone

*Drawn

School Committee's Report

1954

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| Member | Term Expires |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| HENRY LACH, Chairman | 1955 |
| IRENE WRIGHT, Secretary | 1957 |
| ROGER W. BENNETT * | 1956 |

Superintendent of Schools

HAROLD M. LADD

Office hours:

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 m. — 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
when school is in session

At elementary school every Monday

Telephone Monson 67-2 (office)

Monson 365 (residence)

Secretary to the Superintendent

HELYNN S. HALEY

Office telephone — Monson 67-2

Office hours:

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 m. — 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
when school is in session

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| School Physician | DR. BENJAMIN SCHNEIDER |
| School Nurse | VERVA MACUMBER, R. N. |
| Supervisor of Attendance | EDWARD E. SHEERAN |

Hours of School Sessions

Elementary: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL — One blast of the Fire Alarm will indicate that there is to be no session of school.

*Resigned November 19, 1954

Entering Age of Children

Six years of age on or before the first of January following the opening of school in September.

School Calendar

1954-1955

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| September | 8 | Wednesday | Schools open |
| October | 12 | Tuesday | Schools closed—Columbus Day |
| | 22 | Friday | Schools closed—Hampden County Teachers Association Convention |
| November | 11 | Thursday | Schools closed—Veterans' Day |
| | 25 | Thursday | Schools closed—Thanksgiving |
| | 26 | Friday | Recess |
| | 29 | Monday | Schools reopen |
| December | 23 | Thursday | Schools closed—Christmas Recess |

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| January | 3 | Monday | Schools reopen |
| February | 18 | Friday | Schools close—Midwinter vacation |
| | 28 | Monday | Schools' reopen |
| April | 8 | Friday | Schools closed—Good Friday |
| | 19 | Tuesday | Schools closed—Patriot's Day |
| | 29 | Friday | Schools close—Spring Vacation |
| May | 9 | Monday | Schools reopen |
| | 30 | Monday | Schools closed—Memorial Day |
| June | 10 | Friday | Schools close—Summer Vacation |

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

I submit herewith my thirteenth report as Superintendent of Schools. This report includes the reports of the Elementary School Principal, Elementary Supervisor, Music Supervisor, School Nurse and various statistical tables relating to the operation of the schools.

STAFF

The absorption of grades seven and eight by Tantasqua Regional High School had its effect upon the staff at the elementary school. Edward Ahern and Elizabeth Ahern resigned and Kathleen Mello was assigned to grade four. Helen Sweeney was designated helping teacher for grades one through six.

A complete record of the training and experience of all teachers will be found in Appendix C.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

Roger W. Bennett resigned from the Brimfield School Committee in November, 1954 for reasons of health. Mr. Bennett has served on the Brimfield School Committee since 1950 and has always given generously of his time and efforts working for the good of the local schools. He has also been the Brimfield representative on the Tantasqua Regional School Committee and is responsible for much of the ground work which is required to make the Regional High School a reality.

Robert E. Bruce, Principal of Brimfield High School from 1942 to 1954, has assumed his duties as Assistant Executive of Tantasqua Regional High School. Brimfield was indeed fortunate for having had the services of a principal who took a personal interest in every pupil. Mr. Bruce possesses the rare qualities of leadership that create on the part of the pupils a desire to become worthy citizens in the community. He stressed the fact that only through education can we develop qualities of leadership, resourcefulness and independence that build worthy citizens. Tantasqua Regional High School is to be congratulated on having put Mr. Bruce into a position of high responsibility.

Freda B. Stegner taught Mathematics and Science in Brimfield High School from 1932 to 1954 and the progress that her pupils have made in college clearly indicates the high standard of achievement that she always maintained in her classes. Her program in Biology has frequently been mentioned in the reports of the State Department of Education as one of the outstanding programs in the state. Mrs. Stegner is on the teaching staff of Tantasqua Regional High School.

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

The public school program is based upon the premise that every child is entitled to an education commensurate with his abilities. The normal child who has average or normal intelligence will have no difficulty in school, but pupils at either end of the scale can present a problem. More attention is usually given to the below average group because there are more of them and the ever increasing enrollment gives the classroom teacher less time to devote to the individual needs of these pupils.

Recent legislation focuses attention upon those who cannot profit from a standard educational program and are classed as trainable or custodial. It is recognized that these individuals should be brought up to the level where they will be able to make a living and experience a sort of independence. Special teachers will have to be trained to handle this program and the "laboratory classroom" will bear little resemblance to the standard classroom.

TRAINING FOR CITIZENSHIP

Education for American citizenship is based first of all upon a regard for individual children and their growth as the most valuable ends in society. Only the self-respecting individual whose basic emotional needs are being met can take his place usefully in the processes of living and working for the common welfare which characterizes a good citizen. The good citizen is a participating member in community responsibilities that go out in concentric circles from his home, neighborhood, state, nation, and to the world community.

The importance of developing proper attitudes in children to make them desirable citizens is one of the most important functions of our schools. This training in the elementary school is achieved through activity type programs that provide situations of real living. Many children in today's schools will live as adult citizens far from the scenes of their childhood, but they will be better citizens in any community for having known one community well. Facts regarding local history, geography, economy, and government can be gained through projects that originate in the classroom. Extensive use of reference materials and visual aids will stimulate pupils to want to know more about a given topic than is presented in any one textbook. This de-

sire to assemble all possible information about a given topic can carry over into adult life and be a very desirable character trait.

Citizenship training in the home, school, and church never ceases and develops strong character, self reliance and leadership to enable one to carry his share of the load in solving national and international problems.

TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM

An in-service training program was established in November by Christine A. Batten, Elementary Supervisor for Union No. 5, and offers an opportunity for all teachers in grades one through six. The schedule calls for a two hour class each week for sixteen weeks and will deal primarily with the organization and presentation of the subject of arithmetic. Teachers will receive two credits which can be used to satisfy the requirement as set up in the salary schedule. This type of program is highly desirable because it enables teachers to get first hand information on problems that arise in the classroom and will result in a higher quality of teaching in our schools. This activity is in addition to the periodic conferences that are held by the elementary supervisor and teachers of specific grades.

TRANSPORTATION

The agreement existing between the Town of Brimfield and the Tantasqua Regional School Committee provides that transportation of high school pupils must be administered by the Brimfield School Committee and paid for by the Town of Brimfield. The establishment of temporary school facilities for grades seven through twelve between September, 1954 and the opening of the Tantasqua Regional High School further

increased transportation costs, but it is expected that the ultimate program will run a little less than the current rate.

This added cost of transportation should not be charged to the elementary program since it applies to grades seven through twelve inclusive and should be a separate appropriation.

APPRECIATION

Your superintendent appreciates the school committee's continued guidance and cooperation as well as the pleasant atmosphere in which the school committee's official affairs are conducted and decisions made.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD M. LADD

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr. Harold M. Ladd
Superintendent of Schools
Monson, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Ladd:

I submit herewith my second annual report as Principal of the Brimfield Elementary School.

School opened September 8, 1954 with the following enrollment:

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| Grade 1 | 25 |
| Grade 2 | 35 |
| Grade 3 | 34 |
| Grade 4 | 29 |
| Grade 5 | 23 |
| Grade 6 | 24 |
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| Total | 170 |

Mrs. Helen Sweeney was added to the faculty in March because of the large division in Grade 1 and assisted the slow learners in all grades. It is gratifying to have this program continued this year because no less than thirty pupils have either been brought up to grade or assisted materially in the subject of reading.

The removal of grades seven and eight to the Tantasqua Regional High School has made it possible to assign classes to larger rooms and this provides ample space for group activities. I feel that it would be desirable to use one of the free rooms for a school library.

A comprehensive testing program carried out under the direction of Miss Christine A. Batten, our Elementary Supervisor, now provides a clear profile of each pupil's ability and progress. These records are valuable when the pupil transfers to another school.

Pupils from the sixth grade have been assigned to act as monitors on all busses. They assist the bus driver in maintaining order on the bus and watch traffic when pupils have to cross a main highway.

The installation of blackout curtains in the new part of the cafeteria provides ideal conditions for the visual aid program and makes it possible for all pupils to assemble at one time.

We are fortunate in having the services of Mrs. Gladys Whitten as manager of the school cafeteria and it is regrettable that more pupils do not avail themselves of this facility. About 60% of the pupils purchase a hot lunch and with our present enrollment, that is about the minimum to justify the continued operation of the cafeteria.

In closing, I wish to thank you for your guidance and cooperation, the teachers for their assistance, the Brimfield School Committee and parents for their continued interest in school activities. It is a pleasant experience to be a part of this type of teamwork that produces worthy citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK G. NILSON, JR.

Principal

December 31, 1954

REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SUPERVISOR

Mr. Harold M. Ladd

Superintendent of Schools

Monson, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Ladd:

It is obvious if children are to learn to live adequately in a democracy they must have experience with democratic living. Thus children in the Brimfield Elementary School are having much experience in independent thinking as well as learning how and where to find information needed as a foundation for their thinking. They are also building attitudes which are the basis of their decisions and are developing a sense of responsibility to the group.

Classrooms have been gradually changing from recitation rooms to laboratories of learning.

Ability to think critically and to solve problems are being emphasized.

Even as the needs of children are interwoven, so learnings are interwoven. A child who is physically handicapped, emotionally disturbed, or socially unadjusted, may not be able to work favorably. In order that any part of education be efficient, the condition of the entire child must be considered.

Thus we are indeed fortunate to have a program in Brimfield that enables each child to receive maximum development through individualized training.

Small classes, materials adaptable to individual differences, space to work in small groups and the full cooperation and mutual understanding of parents, teachers and administrators are indeed essential to this type of program.

Mrs. Helen Sweeney is building stability and strengthening skills through corrective devices and varied materials.

All grades participated in an outstanding May Festival. Through this work children learned to evaluate their own efforts as well as those of their classmates through observation and discussion. The rhythms afforded opportunity for self-expression, desirable social attitudes through group activity, appreciation of related arts as well as built up skills and appreciations now and for later life.

I feel each child grew tremendously because of this program. It enriched the whole curriculum and much satisfaction and pleasure was gained.

Every child must be led to achieve his best development in all skills. This being a major problem, many building and union meetings have been established to help share ideas and offer guidance so that each individual child will achieve his maximum growth in each area of the curriculum.

The supervisor has participated in many conferences sponsored by the State Department of Education. Helpful material has then been given to teachers for further use and study.

The Arithmetic workshop course sponsored by the School Committee under the supervisor's guidance is most helpful.

The group is studying the placement of subject matter at various grade levels. Increasing emphasis is also being placed on the social learnings involving Arithmetic. Meaning and functional application are being stressed.

Each teacher is seeking to understand and appreciate the child and his background to further the functioning of desirable practices in arithmetic.

Devices and materials are being planned and made by each teacher and brought into the classroom to be used by the children.

It is the plan of the group to outline carefully the work of each grade in bulletin form.

Tests are being administered to discover specific weaknesses and learning difficulties in various skill subjects. They are also being used as an over-all study in the school system as an aid in curriculum study.

Test result data is carefully recorded for future use. The interpretation of the results has helped to adjust the curriculum to the needs, interests and abilities of the children.

The success of our school depends upon widespread and intelligent participation by all concerned.

Thus I feel the Town of Brimfield is very fortunate in securing an experienced, efficient and understanding administrator as well as a committee who is striving for an outstanding and workable program.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to you, Mr. Ladd, members of your committee, Mrs. Haley, school secretary, and all teachers as well as to parents for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTINE BATTEN

Elementary Supervisor

Appendix A

**REPORT OF
THE SCHOOL NURSE**

Mr. Harold M. Ladd

Superintendent of Schools

Monson, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Ladd:

I submit herewith my annual report as school nurse for the year ending December 31, 1954.

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| Free lunches | 1 |
| Pupils weighed and measured | 316 |
| Pupils tested for vision | 316 |
| (Massachusetts Vision Test) | |
| Pupils tested with Audiometer for hearing | 316 |
| Physical examinations with | |
| Dr. Benjamin Schneider | 316 |
| First aid administered | 32 |
| Visits to school | 108 |
| Consultations at school office (Monson) | 15 |
| Consultations with parents | 50 |
| Consultations with Elementary Supervisor | 20 |
| Periodic pediculosis examinations | |
| Home visits | 60 |
| Doctor's examination and glasses obtained | 2 |

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| Consultation with Dr. Schneider on children's problems | 2 |
| High School Seniors taken for chest X-ray | 19 |

Our community is a relatively healthy one. We had twelve cases of dysentery, but they were all taken care of by family physicians.

I attended two five-week courses on Public Health. We were instructed on the new vision testing program which eliminated a number of unnecessary reports being sent home. The audiometer was borrowed from the State again this year and only two were found to need further attention.

I wish to thank Mr. Ladd, Mrs. Haley, our school secretary, School Committee members, teachers and the Legion Auxiliary for the continued help and cooperation which you have offered.

I have had a very interesting and happy year.

Respectfully submitted,

VERVA MACUMBER, R. N.

December 31, 1954

Appendix B

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

Mr. Harold M. Ladd

Superintendent of Schools

Monson, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Ladd:

During the past year the Brimfield High School students took part in their final performances under the direction of the Union No. 5 music supervisor. They took part in the usual events, the band played for the Memorial Day program in Wales and Brimfield, and the Glee Club sang at graduation. This year found the band taking part in two new functions, the Field Day Program presented by the elementary school and the Western Massachusetts Music Festival held in Pittsfield. The Brimfield and Monson bands made this trip to the music festival a cooperative venture, and the officials assigned commented very favorably on the work and the deportment of both groups.

Beginning in September 1954, because there were no high school classes to meet, more time was allotted to the elementary music program. Each grade was scheduled for a visit each week, instead of every other week. The customary program of instrumental music is being carried on and now benefits from the use of instruments which formerly were in use by the high school pupils.

As of September we now have in use a complete series of music textbooks for all grades which are up-to-date and provide a continuous program in vocal music.

Since there will be no need in the near future to purchase any great number of music books, it is suggested that it will be practical and advisable to plan to build a record library. We are well equipped with music books; we have some instruments available for use by students; but we do lack recorded music materials.

I thank all members of the administration and the teaching staff who have given help and cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. WHALEN

Music Supervisor

Appendix C

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF

December 31, 1954

| Position | Name | Training | Years Service in Brimfield | Years Service Total |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Administrative Staff | | | | |
| Superintendent | Harold M. Ladd | BS, Ed. M. Univ. of N. H. | 13 | 34 |
| Secretary to the Superintendent | *Helynn S. Haley | Bay Path Inst. | 19 | 20 |
| Elementary Supervisor | Christine A. Batten | BS in Ed. Keene T. C. | 1 | 21 |
| Elementary School | | | | |
| Grade I | Frances Souliere | A.B., Elms College | 1 | 5 |
| Grade II | *Gladys Webber | Westfield T. C. | 14 | 39 |
| Grade III | *Irma Davis | Washington State | 4 | 25 |
| Grade IV | (1) Kathleen Mello | B.S. Mt. St. Mary College | 1 | 1 |
| Grade V | Mary Gaudette | | 1 | 35 |
| Grade VI | Frank G. Nilson, Jr. Principal | | | |
| Music | John Whalen | B.S., Springfield College | 2 | 3 |
| Remedial | *Helen Sweeney | B. Mus. Boston Univ. | 2 | 3 |
| Janitor | Edward E. Sheeran | Oneonta S. T. C. | 0 | 10 |

* Diploma

(1) Elizabeth Ahern to June

Appendix D—Table I
ANNUAL SCHOOL CENSUS, 1954

As of October 1

| | 5 years or over and under 7 | 7 years or over and under 16 | Illiterate minors 16 yrs. or over and under 21 |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Total in Town | | | |
| Boys | 16 | 127 | 1 |
| Girls | 13 | 127 | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total | 29 | 254 | 1 |
| In public school | 28 | 242 | |
| In continuation school | | | |
| In vocational school | | 3 | |
| In private school | | 9 | |
| In state and county schools and special classes for de- fectives and delinquents | 1 | | |
| Not enrolled in any school | | | 1 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total | 29 | 254 | 1 |

Appendix D—Table II

AGE—GRADE TABLE

October 1, 1954

| Age Grade | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | Total |
|--------------|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| I | 4 | 19 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 26 |
| II | | 2 | 36 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 39 |
| III | | | 2 | 25 | 4 | 4 | | | | | | | 35 |
| IV | | | | 5 | 20 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 29 |
| V | | | | | 2 | 20 | 3 | | | | | | 25 |
| VI | | | | | | 3 | 16 | 3 | 2 | | | | 24 |
| Total | 4 | 21 | 40 | 32 | 26 | 29 | 21 | 3 | 2 | | | | 178 |

Appendix E

ITEMIZED ACCOUNTS

1954

GENERAL EXPENSES

| | | |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Harold M. Ladd | \$1,797.61 | |
| Helynn S. Haley | 787.62 | |
| Christine Batten | 3.45 | |
| Hubert Kregeloh | 7.50 | |
| Mrs. Blanche Mathieu | 50.00 | |
| Wright & Potter Printing Co. | 5.66 | |
| Mass. Ass'n. Sch. Com. | 20.00 | |
| Henry Lach | 100.00 | |
| Roger Bennett | 100.00 | |
| Irene Wright | 100.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2,971.84 |

TEACHERS' SALARIES

| | | |
|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Elementary | \$24,652.25 | |
| High | 8,351.25 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$33,003.50 |

TEXTBOOKS

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| American Book Co. | \$208.52 |
| World Book Co. | 8.76 |
| Silver Burdett Co. | 4.35 |
| Lyons & Carnahan | 87.53 |
| Iroquois Publishing Co. | 41.07 |
| Beckley-Cardy Co. | 25.47 |
| McCormick-Mathers Pub. Co. | 1.48 |
| Ginn & Co. | 50.38 |
| D. C. Heath | 26.26 |

| | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Laidlaw Bros. | 24.79 |
| Scott, Foresman & Co. | 332.70 |
| Arlo Pub. Co. | 34.74 |
| Macmillan Co. | 14.13 |
| Lewis E. Howlett | 44.12 |

\$904.30

OTHER (Supplies)

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Johnson's Bookstore | \$5.50 |
| Mainco Trading Co. | 290.30 |
| Calif. Test Bureau | 60.27 |
| J. L. Hammett | 100.43 |
| Paquette Stationery Co. | 8.16 |
| Hatch's Village Store | 42.46 |
| Lewis E. Howlett | 84.03 |
| Cascade Paper Co. | 40.22 |
| Milton Bradley Co. | 96.78 |
| World Book Co. | 12.01 |
| The Camera Shop | 5.20 |
| John C. Moore Corp. | 13.33 |
| Springfield Office Supply Co. | 34.90 |

\$793.59

JANITOR

| | |
|----------------|------------|
| Edward Sheeran | \$3,200.16 |
|----------------|------------|

\$3,200.16

FUEL

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Squier & Co. | \$1,640.70 |
| Southbridge Coal Co. | 682.39 |
| Brimfield Oil Co. | 28.00 |

\$2,351.09

MISCELLANEOUS (Operating)

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Worc. County Elec. Co. | \$702.84 | |
| New England Tel. & Tel. Co. | 153.53 | |
| Hatch's Village Store | 111.92 | |
| Lewis E. Howlett | 29.34 | |
| Faulkner Hardware Co. | 133.69 | |
| G. C. Winter Co. | 2.40 | |
| Stred's Paint & Wallpaper Co. | 117.64 | |
| D. B. Cotton | 33.20 | |
| Lunner Floor Service | 16.50 | |
| C. B. Dolge Co. | 36.35 | |
| J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co. | 224.03 | |
| Frank Bros. Paper Co. | 88.90 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,650.34 |

MAINTENANCE (Repairs)

| | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Brimfield Garage | \$ 4.05 | |
| Faulkner Hardware Co. | 4.90 | |
| LaBossiere Refrigerator Service | 13.30 | |
| R. A. Manley & Sons | 19.78 | |
| Davis Refrigerator Service | 16.42 | |
| Remington-Rand, Inc. | 13.00 | |
| Royal Typewriter Co. | 72.52 | |
| Walberg & Auge | 13.50 | |
| Geo. A. Flag & Sons | 107.90 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$265.37 |

LIBRARIES

| | | |
|-----------------|--------|---------|
| Hall & McCreary | \$.55 | |
| Martin & Murray | 40.70 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$41.25 |

HEALTH

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Dr. Benjamin Schneider | \$150.00 | |
| Verva Macumber | 600.00 | |
| American Surgical Supply | 30.88 | |
| Broughton & Smithies | 3.28 | |
| | <hr/> | \$784.16 |

TRANSPORTATION

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Charles Wheeler | \$11,793.24 | |
| Noah Fountain | 2,690.00 | |
| Palmer Motor Coach Service, Inc. | 3,125.00 | |
| Andrew Gondek | 724.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$18,332.24 |

MISCELLANEOUS (Auxiliary)

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------|----------|
| Rochester Germicide Co. | \$11.75 | |
| Fontaine Trucking Co. | 31.50 | |
| Com. Pub. Safety | 10.00 | |
| Charles P. Day | 10.50 | |
| Palmer Register | 20.00 | |
| The Mill Store | 6.60 | |
| J. L. Hammett | 38.42 | |
| Edward Sheeran | 87.50 | |
| Hyatt Gas Sales & Service | 1.00 | |
| Trustees, Boston Univ. | 21.25 | |
| Nat'l. Bindery Co. | 36.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$274.52 |

NEW EQUIPMENT

| | | |
|----------------|---------|---------|
| Paris Mfg. Co. | \$85.94 | |
| | <hr/> | \$85.94 |

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

| | Expenditures, 1954 Elem. | High | Estimated, 1955 Total |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| General Expenses | \$1,485.92 | 1,485.92 | 2,971.84 \$3,400.00 |
| Expenses of instruction | | | |
| Teachers' salaries | 24,652.25 | 8,351.25 | 33,003.50 22,950.00 |
| Textbooks | 860.18 | 44.12 | 904.30 600.00 |
| Other (supplies) | 681.00 | 112.59 | 793.59 750.00 |
| Expenses of operating | | | |
| Wages of janitors | 2,133.44 | 1,066.72 | 3,200.16 3,000.00 |
| Fuel | 1,640.70 | 710.39 | 2,351.09 1,500.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,490.25 | 160.09 | 1,650.34 1,000.00 |
| Maintenance (repairs) | 177.34 | 88.03 | 265.37 850.00 |
| Auxiliary agencies | | | |
| Libraries | 41.25 | | 41.25 100.00 |
| Health | 604.16 | 180.00 | 784.16 900.00 |
| Transportation | 12,915.90 | 5,416.34 | 18,332.24 16,150.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 213.85 | 60.67 | 274.52 200.00 |
| New equipment | 85.94 | | 85.94 200.00 |
| | <u>\$46,982.18</u> | <u>17,676.12</u> | <u>64,658.30 \$51,600.00</u> |
| Total appropriation, 1954 | | \$67,685.00 | |
| Total expenditures, 1954 | | <u>64,658.30</u> | |
| Balance on hand, 1954 | | | \$3,026.70 |

NET COST OF OPERATING SCHOOLS

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Appropriation, 1954 | \$67,685.00 |
| Less unexpended balance, 1954 | 3,026.70 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$64,658.30 |

Receipts:

From the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

| | |
|--|-------------|
| General School Fund, Chap. 70 | \$17,430.32 |
| Superintendent's salary and expenses Chap. 71 s65 | 933.33 |
| Transportation Chap. 71, s7A | 14,656.30 |
| Tuition and transportation of State Wards | 3,987.08 |

Tuition, non-resident

| | |
|-----------------|----------|
| Town of Wales | 3,867.94 |
| Town of Holland | 89.10 |
| | <hr/> |

3,957.04

Income that must be expended
for the support of schools

500.00

Total Receipts

41,464.07

NET COST TO BRIMFIELD

23,194.23

TANTASQUA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sturbridge, Massachusetts

ASSESSMENT TO MEMBER TOWNS

FOR THE YEAR 1955

I Debt Reduction

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Installment #3 on \$125,000 borrowed | | \$7,000.00 |
| Installment #2 on \$1,625,000 borrowed | | 85,000.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total 1955 Installment | | 92,000.00 |
| Less: State Share for 1955 | \$54,448.31 | |
| Minus overstated State | | |
| Share 1954 | 1,971.69 | 52,476.62 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Amount to be assessed Member Towns | | \$39,523.38 |

II Interest on Indebtedness

| | | |
|--|------------|---------------------------|
| Due in 1955 on \$125,000 | | |
| Bonds @ 2.4% | \$2,664.00 | |
| Due in 1955 on \$1,625,000 | | |
| Bonds @ 2.75% | 42,350.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Amount to be assessed Member Towns | | \$45,014.00 |
| Total Debt and Interest to be assessed | | <u><u>\$84,537.38</u></u> |

III Distribution to Member Towns

Basis is the relation of each Town's Equalized Valuation (as determined by the Commonwealth) to the total Equalized Valuations of all Member Towns.

| Town | A Equal. Valuation | B Per. of Total Equal. Valuations | C Town's Share of Debt Ser. based on Col. B. per. |
|------------|--------------------------|--|---|
| | | | |
| Brimfield | \$1,178,600 | 19.61 | \$16,577.78 |
| Brookfield | 1,538,200 | 25.60 | 21,641.57 |
| Holland | 277,300 | 4.62 | 3,905.63 |
| Sturbridge | 2,593,200 | 43.18 | 36,503.24 |
| Wales | 419,600 | 6.99 | 5,909.16 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Totals | \$6,006,900 | 100.00 | \$84,537.38 |

IV Operating Costs for 1955

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| General Administration Expenses | \$13,378 |
| Instructional Salaries | 120,400 |
| Instructional Expenses | 12,300 |
| Operation Costs | 26,800 |
| Maintenance | 2,000 |
| Auxiliary Agencies | 15,950 |
| Insurance | 4,800 |
| Outlay—New Equipment | 6,000 |
| Contingency Account | 5,000 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Budgeted Costs | <u>\$206,628</u> |

V Distribution to Member Towns

Basis is the relation of the number of each Town's registered pupils to the total registered pupils from all Member Towns.

| Town | A | B | C |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| | Registered Pupils Oct. 1, 1954 | Per. Town's share of of Total Oper. Costs | |
| | | Registered Pupils | Based on Col. B per. |
| | | | |
| Brimfield | 109 | 20.00 | \$41,325.60 |
| Brookfield | 151 | 27.71 | 57,256.62 |
| Holland | 37 | 6.79 | 14,030.04 |
| Sturbridge | 194 | 35.59 | 73,538.91 |
| Wales | 54 | 9.91 | 20,476.83 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Totals | 545 | 100.00 | \$206,628.00 |
| December 13, 1954 | | | |

Town Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden, ss.

To the Town Clerk of Brimfield, GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Monday, the 7th day of March, 1955 at 12 o'clock noon to act on the following:

Article 1. To give in their votes to the election officers on one ballot for the following Town Officers: Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, three Selectmen, Tree Warden, five Constables and one School Committeeman, and one Town Moderator, all for the term of one year; one member of the Board of Public Welfare, one School Committeeman, one Assessor, one Cemetery Commissioner, two Library Trustees, each for the term of three years. The polls will open at twelve o'clock noon and will close at eight o'clock in the evening. All business of said meeting except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as by law are required to be elected or determined by ballot shall be considered after 8 p.m.

Article 2. To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the Town and act thereon.

Article 3. To see what salaries the Town will allow its officers for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To raise and appropriate money for the support of various departments and activities of the Town, payment of debts and defraying of expenses of the ensuing year and direct how same shall be expended.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Compensation Insurance Fund together with a sum to be raised by taxation to purchase compensation for Town Employees.

Article 6. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of the Warren, Old Palmer, Brookfield and Holland Roads under Chapter 90, to be used with the sums allotted by the State and County for the purpose.

Article 8. To elect one trustee of the Harriet Harding Fund for three years.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Chapter 90 Construction to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State and County or both for the purpose.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for the period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of reimbursement of allotments made by the State and County for highways including bridges.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice in some convenient and public place of the Town fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town upon Tax Title, Procedure, provided that the Selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such public auction, may reject any bid which they deem inadequate.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75.00 to be expended in the Town by the Hampden County Trustees for Aid to Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 128, Section 42.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Machinery Fund for the maintenance, care, replacement and purchase of town machinery for the ensuing year.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 to pay maturing bonds.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to take steps for making the road through the LaFlamme farm a town road, or act thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to adopt and enact the following by-law:

The selectmen may in their discretion grant licenses to suitable persons to be collectors of, dealers in or keepers of establishments for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metals or second hand articles and may make rules and regulations relative to their business, and may provide for the supervision thereof, and may make additional rules, regulations and restrictions which shall be expressed in all licenses, all in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 140, Sections 54 and 55 of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 84, Section 5A of the General Laws of Massachusetts which is as follows:

Agreements for Removal of Snow and Ice from,
and Sanding of Public Ways in Adjoining Towns.

“The Selectmen, highway surveyor, highway commissioners, or other board or officer having charge of the maintenance of highways in any town which accepts this section may enter into agreements for the

removal of snow and ice from, including sanding on, such public ways in adjoining towns as circumstances make necessary or convenient, and any town performing work in accordance with such agreement may be reimbursed for the expense thereof by the Town for which work is performed from the regular appropriation voted for highway maintenance or snow removal.

For the purposes of this section, equipment and employees of a town while engaged in the removal of snow or ice from, including sanding on, such public ways in another town in accordance with this section shall be deemed to be engaged in the service and employ of the town performing the work hereby authorized."

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,725.00 to pay for the transportation of high school pupils to the Tantasqua Regional School or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of money to install curbing on that side of the Town Common which borders on Route 20 or take any other action thereon.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Town Clerk to notify the registered voters of the Town, by mail, of all Town Caucuses at least three days before such Caucuses are held.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue a public roadway in the easterly section of

the Town known as LaFlamme Road or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to delegate the Chairman of Selectmen to appoint four persons to serve with him as a committee to study and prepare a set of written by-laws for the government of the Town and report their progress and recommendations to the voters at the next annual meeting.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to adopt and enact the following by-act:

Whoever operates in or upon any waters within the territorial limits of the Town of Brimfield, a boat propelled in whole or in part by an internal combustion engine, recklessly or negligently so that the lives or safety of the public might be in danger, shall be punished by a fine not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$20.00. A speed of over 10 miles per hour shall be prima facie evidence of such negligent operation. The provision of this by-law may be enforced by any public officer authorized to make arrest.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate money from surplus funds in the treasury to reduce the tax rate or take any action thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting copies thereof at the Town Hall and Post Office, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of meetings aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 16th day of February, 1955.

ANDREW W. GONDEK

THEODORE W. SKOWYRA

RAYMOND D. CLARKE

Selectmen of Brimfield

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Annual Reports
OF THE
Town Officers
OF THE
Town of Brimfield



AND OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE
Year Ending December 31, 1955

THE PALMER REGISTER, Inc.

Palmer, Mass.

1956

Town Officers --- 1955

Town Clerk

MABEL B. PEIRCE

Moderator

EVERETT D. LANDEN

Treasurer

EUGENIA P. TARBELL

Tax Collector

JEAN HAYWARD

Selectmen

ANDREW W. GONDEK THEODORE W. SKOWYRA
RAYMOND D. CLARKE

Assessors

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| JOHN P. MOORE | Term expires 1958 |
| EDWARD J. KILLIAN | Term expires 1957 |
| JOHN M. HALEY | Term expires 1956 |

School Committee

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| HENRY LACH | Term expires 1958 |
| IRENE W. WRIGHT | Term expires 1957 |
| HOMER L. PARKER | Term expires 1956 |

Board of Public Welfare

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| NANCY E. COX | Term expires 1958 |
| J. FREDERICK LAWRENCE | Term expires 1957 |
| LLEWELLYN B. NORTON | Term expires 1956 |

Cemetery Commission

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| CHENEY F. NEWTON | Term expires 1958 |
| EVERETT D. LANDEN | Term expires 1957 |
| GEORGE E. HITCHCOCK * (Deceased) | |
| | Term expires 1956 |
| MARY E. HITCHCOCK (appointed) | |
| | Term expires 1956 |

Library Trustees

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| PHILIP S. BENJAMIN | Term expires 1958 |
| GRETCHEN LOUX | Term expires 1958 |
| ROBERT E. BRUCE | Term expires 1957 |
| JOHN C. SCAMMELL | Term expires 1957 |
| CHARLES A. DELAND, JR. | Term expires 1956 |
| ETHEL M. SPOONER | Term expires 1956 |

Tree Warden

PERCY N. MOORE

Constables

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| ROBERT J. CUTLER | GEORGE E. HITCHCOCK |
| | * (Deceased) |
| HENRY LACH | HARRY B. LANDEN |
| CHESTER H. NORTON | |

Trustees Harriet Harding Fund

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| EDWARD J. KILLIAN | Term expires 1958 |
| LLEWELLYN B. NORTON | Term expires 1957 |
| J. FREDERICK LAWRENCE | Term expires 1956 |

Appointive Town Officers 1955

Town Accountant

FRANK S. GIFFORD

Superintendent of Streets

GEORGE B. SHERMAN

Chief, Fire Dept. & Forest Warden

DONALD B. LOUX

Inspector of Animals

CHESTER H. NORTON *(Resigned)

DANIEL H. WELLS, JR.

Inspector of Slaughtering

DANIEL H. WELLS, JR.

Sealer of Weights & Measures

ERNEST J. COLLETTE *(Deceased)

ALFRED WIGGLESWORTH

Moth Superintendent

PERCY N. MOORE

Agent, Board of Health

DR. BENJAMIN SCHNEIDER

Burial Agent

ALFRED WIGGLESWORTH

Measurer of Wood & Bark

J. FREDERICK LAWRENCE

Dog Officer

ARTHUR J. MOREAU

Town Counsel

GEORGE B. ADAMS, JR.

Finance Committee

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| DENZIL BAGSTER-COLLINS | Term expires 1958 |
| JOSEPH DMUCHOVSKY | Term expires 1958 |
| WILLIAM D. SPOONER | Term expires 1958 |
| JAMES C. HATCH | Term expires 1957 |
| RICHARD BRADWAY | Term expires 1957 |
| WILLIAM B. COX | Term expires 1957 |
| NOAH D. FOUNTAIN | Term expires 1956 |
| LEO LAVIGNE | Term expires 1956 |
| CHARLES P. DAY | Term expires 1956 |

Jury List

| | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| VICTOR F. BONNETTE | FRANK N. BOONE |
| HAROLD JOHNSTON | SUMNER D. BARR |
| ERNEST L. MANN | LLEWELLYN B. NORTON |
| WALLACE H. FOUNTAIN | GEORGE E. ROBERTS |
| FREDERICK L. WORBY | |

Treasurer's Report

| | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1955 | \$49,258.30 | |
| Receipts during year | 288,305.54 | |
| | <hr/> | \$337,563.84 |
| Paid on treasury warrants | \$285,951.07 | |
| Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1955 | 51,612.77 | |
| | <hr/> | \$337,563.84 |

EUGENIA P. TARBELL,

Town Treasurer

Town Clerk's Report

Licenses Issued for the Division of Fisheries and Game

87 Resident Fishing
 26 Resident Women's Fishing
 17 Resident Minor Fishing
 11 Special Non-Resident Fishing
 47 Resident Hunting
 3 Non-Resident Hunting
 43 Resident Sporting
 15 Resident Sporting (Free)
 4 Duplicates

DOGS LICENSED

| | | | | |
|------------------------------|---|--------|----------|----------|
| 120 Male | @ | \$2.00 | \$240.00 | |
| 21 Female | @ | 5.00 | 105.00 | |
| 54 Spayed | @ | 2.00 | 108.00 | |
| 2 Kennel | @ | 50.00 | 100.00 | |
| 2 Kennel | @ | 25.00 | 100.00 | |
| 7 Kennel | @ | 10.00 | 70.00 | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | \$673.00 |
| Less Clerk's fees, 206 @ 20¢ | | | | 41.20 |
| | | | | |
| Balance paid Treasurer | | | | \$631.80 |

BIRTHS RECORDED

| DATE | NAME | PARENTS |
|----------|------------------------------|--|
| January | | |
| 4 | Terry Lynn Artruc | Eugene A. and Mary Frances Lawrence |
| February | | |
| 4 | William Michael Cody | Arthur A. and Cecile Jacqueline Vallee |
| 8 | Lynn Marie St. Pierre | Normand A. and Marian Amelia Panetta |
| 10 | Doris Pauline Suprenant | William A. and Lillian Marie Carestia |
| 18 | Ann Marie Charette | Roger A. and Theresa Marie Cyr |
| 28 | Patricia Ann Keith | Clarence H. and Barbara Lucretia Wood |
| March | | |
| 1 | Richard Herbert Stanton, Jr. | Richard H. and Lorraine R. Blake |
| 11 | Cecilia Louise Gerard | Edward A. and Doris Evelyn Lake |
| 13 | Real Joseph Poirier, Jr. | Real J. and Alice Mary Jarosz |
| April | | |
| 9 | Ann Marie Deveno | John J. and Mary Jane Cody |
| 19 | Nancy Jane Tinkham | Allen Francis and Cynthia McClintock |
| 21 | Sarah Elizabeth Wells | Daniel H., Jr. and Elizabeth Sarah Wallace |
| 22 | Lynda Rogers | Kenneth D. and Jayne Hansberry |
| May | | |
| 8 | Christopher Ward Roy | Robert L. and Shirle M. Parks |
| 12 | Edward Russell Rasys | Adam J. and Lillian Evelyn Cody |
| 24 | Kevin John Pratt | William X. and Gertrude Mary Killian |
| June | | |
| 11 | Robert Arthur Lacerte | Roger O. and Betty Lou Jones |
| 15 | Paul Gerard Casavant | Lucien V. and Madeline G. LeBlond |

July

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|----|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 11 | Susan Marie Letourneau | Leo J. and Mary Hrizan |
| 11 | Sandra Jean Martin | Louis E. and Marie Helen Curran |

August

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|----|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| 27 | Kevin George Moran | Bernard J. and Margaret Ellen Farr |
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September

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|----|-----------------------|--|
| 1 | Michele Ann Souliere | Richard E. and Frances Ann Haley |
| 15 | Susan Norma Mainville | George E. and Lillian Alice Castonguay |

October

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|----|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 4 | Margery Jean Stanton | Ralph I. and Nancy Ann Coolbroth |
| 12 | James Howlett Cadieux | William E. and Barbara Ann Howlett |
| 15 | Julia Frances Howlett | Kenneth N. and Dorothy Julia Fountain |
| 15 | James Alan Smith | Franklin A. and Ruth Anne Hawkes |

November

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|----|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 14 | Karen Suzanne Winkler | Otto L. and Jean F. Sommerman |
| 16 | Paul David Ahern | Edward J. Jr., and Elizabeth A. Tower |

December

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|----|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 6 | William John Allen | John T. and Geraldine A. Grise |
| 12 | Stephen John Haney | James W. and Edith G. Allen |
| 31 | Laurence Roland Boudriault | Leonard R. and Jacqueline M. Levesque |

MARRIAGES RECORDED

| Date | Groom | Residence | Bride | Residence |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| February | | | | |
| 5 | Richard Paul Miner | Brimfield | Pauline Orienda Surprenant | Brimfield |
| 14 | Angelo Del Frate | Albuquerque, N.M. | Virginia M. Majer | Brimfield |
| 19 | William H. Warner | Springfield | Evelyn Van Hook | Brimfield |
| April | | | | |
| 16 | Milton A. Whitney Warren | | Lorraine T. Levesque | Brimfield |
| May | | | | |
| 2 | William E. Jackson, Jr. | Salem, N.H. | Patricia T. Lavigne | Brimfield |
| 14 | Arthur L. Corriveau, Jr. | Southbridge | Georgette St. Pierre | Brimfield |
| 14 | Kenneth A. Tillit | New York City | Frederica H. Lawrence | Brimfield |
| June | | | | |
| 4 | Edward W. Doyle | Brimfield | Sandra J. Gurski | Palmer |
| 15 | Clarence B. Adams | Brimfield | Julia Frances Hicks | Brimfield |
| 25 | John P. Moore, Jr. | Brimfield | Jeanne Casavant | Ware |
| July | | | | |
| 2 | Ralph Henry Hall | Brimfield | Ellen Gould Osterheld | Monson |
| 17 | Russell Lee Gadaire | Brookfield | Joan Loraine Macumber | Brimfield |
| August | | | | |
| 7 | Frank Miller | Monson | Shirley (Pierce) Webb | Brimfield |
| 27 | Richard D. Lawrence | Brimfield | Joan Marie Brooks | Athol |
| September | | | | |
| 2 | Roland F. Horton | Brimfield | Frances M. Howlett | Brimfield |
| 10 | Raymond Joseph Chartier | Brimfield | Barbara Mauke | Webster |
| 17 | Donald E. Bellinger | Warren | Shirley Ann Savage | Holland |
| 24 | Arthur Joseph Chartier, Jr. | Brimfield | Beatrice Wassmer | Fiskdale |

DEATHS RECORDED

| Date | Name | Years | Months | Days |
|----------|-----------------------------|-------|--------|------|
| January | | | | |
| 5 | Charles Francis Adams | 80 | 3 | 17 |
| 8 | Joseph Willard Clark | 80 | — | — |
| 13 | Kathleen Killian | | 6 | 6 |
| 18 | Cassie Davis (Fraser) Crane | 84 | 3 | 16 |
| February | | | | |
| 9 | Frank Russell Allen, Sr. | 79 | 5 | 24 |
| 28 | Grace A. (McCarthy) Wegman | 38 | — | — |
| March | | | | |
| 9 | Bertha (Parker) Brown | 75 | 1 | 5 |
| April | | | | |
| 2 | Alfred Houle | 39 | 5 | 19 |
| 24 | Philo G. Scoville | 49 | 2 | 27 |
| May | | | | |
| 8 | Lynda Rogers | — | — | 16 |
| June | | | | |
| 9 | Franklin Roscoe Hastings | 67 | 2 | 13 |
| 17 | George Edward Hitchcock | 80 | 5 | 29 |
| July | | | | |
| 8 | Beulah (Tracey) Gough | 59 | 5 | 6 |
| 8 | Herbert W. Gough | 64 | 4 | 4 |
| 11 | Catherine L. Wright | — | 4 | 25 |
| 23 | Charles Elmer Clarke | 56 | 9 | 5 |
| 27 | Omer L. Perron | 62 | 11 | 8 |
| 31 | Martha (Ferry) Brown | 75 | 9 | 29 |
| August | | | | |
| 21 | Joseph Connors | 79 | — | — |

| Date | Name | Years | Months | Days |
|-----------|----------------------------|-------|--------|------|
| September | | | | |
| 26 | Ernest J. Collette | 49 | — | — |
| 30 | Willie Otis Coleman | 49 | — | — |
| October | | | | |
| 10 | Joanne Szczpanik | | 1 | 7 |
| 16 | Evelina Lebrecque Fontaine | 59 | 3 | 5 |
| November | | | | |
| 30 | Howard McIntosh | — | — | 21 |
| December | | | | |
| 2 | Mary A. (Hanley) Anderson | 92 | 3 | 11 |
| 22 | Alice M. C. Allen | 83+ | | |
| 23 | Albert H. Smith | 68 | — | — |
| 26 | Nellie J. Rich | 93 | 1 | 18 |

Burials From Other Places

June

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|----|----|----|
| Adella L. Adams from Cambridge | 85 | 10 | 10 |
| James Logan from Astoria, N.Y. | 63 | — | — |

November

| | | | |
|---------------------------|----|---|----|
| Gladys Mercer from Palmer | 64 | 1 | 24 |
|---------------------------|----|---|----|

December

| | | | |
|---|----|----|----|
| Adelaide Griggs Wetherell from West Brookfield | 75 | 11 | 10 |
|---|----|----|----|

Respectfully submitted,

MABEL B. PEIRCE, Town Clerk

Report of Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

General Revenue—Taxes

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Current year | \$67,282.27 |
| Previous years | 5,665.16 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise tax 1955 | 12,352.58 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise tax 1954 | 2,677.24 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise tax 1953 | 17.78 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise tax 1952 | 57.30 |
| Classified Forest Land tax 1955 | 1,508.22 |
| Classified Forest Land tax 1954 | 228.80 |
| Reimbursement, loss of taxes, State | 1,382.28 |
| Meals tax | 484.72 |
| Income tax | 9,147.69 |
| Corporation tax | 3,766.45 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$104,570.49 |

Grants and Gifts from State

| | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Veterans' Services | \$705.62 |
| Inspection of Animals | 28.00 |
| Vocational Education | 486.54 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,220.16 |

Licenses:

| | |
|--------|------------|
| Liquor | \$1,850.00 |
| Other | 235.50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,085.50 |

Federal Grants:

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Old Age Assistance | \$7,970.80 | |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 2,277.25 | |
| Disability Assistance | 1,030.98 | |
| Flood Damage | 27,630.89 | |
| | <hr/> | \$38,909.92 |

Highways

| | | |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| From State | \$20,809.51 | |
| From County | 3,700.00 | |
| Town machinery | 6,758.20 | |
| | <hr/> | \$31,267.71 |

Charities

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Welfare relief from individuals | \$102.70 | |
| Welfare relief from State | 98.05 | |
| Welfare relief from other towns | 261.30 | |
| Old Age Assistance from State | 6,701.03 | |
| Aid Dep. Children from State | 1,550.54 | |
| Old Age Assistance from other towns | 271.79 | |
| Disability Assistance from State | 563.92 | |
| Old Age Assistance recoveries | 1,044.86 | |
| | <hr/> | \$10,594.19 |

Schools

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Tuition & Transp. State Wards | \$2,058.24 | |
| Mass. School Fund | 9,700.00 | |
| H. F. A. Instruction Fund | 500.00 | |
| Tuition & Transp. from State | 20,991.96 | |
| Union Superintendent | 933.33 | |
| | <hr/> | \$34,183.53 |

School Lunch Program:

| | | |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| Lunch sales | \$3,419.99 | |
| From State | 1,451.50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$4,871.49 |

Miscellaneous

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Rent of Town Hall | \$830.00 | |
| Court Fines | 198.30 | |
| Library Fines | 16.00 | |
| Reimb. digging graves | 145.00 | |
| Reimb. for foundations | 19.50 | |
| Sealer's fees | 23.15 | |
| Sale of Cemetery lot | 10.00 | |
| Sale of school equipment | 1,670.50 | |
| Tax collector, costs, etc. | 16.35 | |
| Compensation ins. added to fund | 691.15 | |
| | <hr/> | \$3,619.95 |

Interest

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| On taxes | \$182.74 | |
| Library trust funds | 272.52 | |
| Cemetery Perpetual care | 290.72 | |
| | <hr/> | \$745.98 |

Municipal Indebtedness

| | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Highway reimbursement loan | \$28,325.00 | |
| Revenue loan | 20,000.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$48,325.00 |

Agency and Trust

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|--|
| Dog licenses for County | \$631.80 | |
| Withheld tax for Federal Gov't. | 5,486.65 | |

| | | |
|----------------------------|--------|------------|
| County retirement fund | 746.66 | |
| Bequest for perpetual care | 200.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$7,065.11 |

Refunds:

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| a/c Welfare | \$9.20 |
| Comp. Ins. premium | 71.26 |
| Overpay'ts various departments | 30.54 |
| Theft policy (Collector) | 57.17 |
| | <hr/> |

\$168.17

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|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Total receipts | \$288,305.54 |
| Cash on hand beginning of year | 49,258.30 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$337,563.84 |

PAYMENTS

General Government

Selectmen

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Salaries, Selectmen | \$650.00 |
| Clerk | 150.00 |
| Printing, postage, etc. | 55.47 |
| Association dues | 18.00 |
| Dog Officer | 236.50 |
| Filing fees | 27.00 |
| Telephone | 146.45 |
| Taking dog census | 50.00 |
| Travel expense | 48.88 |
| Other | 32.60 |
| | <hr/> |

\$1,414.90

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|---------|-------|
| Balance | 85.10 |
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\$1,500.00

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|-------------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$1,400.00 | |
| From reserve fund | 100.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
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| | | \$1,500.00 |

Town Accountant

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--|----------|
| Salary | | \$660.00 |
| Extra services re. flood damage | | 25.00 |
| Printing, postage, etc. | | 17.74 |
| Adding machine | | 150.00 |
| Other | | 8.05 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$860.79 |
| Balance | | 14.21 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$875.00 |

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|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$850.00 | |
| From reserve fund | 25.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$875.00 |

Treasurer

| | | |
|-------------------------|--|------------|
| Salary | | \$375.00 |
| Clerical assistance | | 125.00 |
| Printing, postage, etc. | | 187.79 |
| Surety bond | | 51.00 |
| Insurance | | 67.50 |
| Other | | 33.05 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$839.34 |
| | | 266.16 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,105.50 |

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|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$1,100.00 | |
| Adj. duplicate pay't | 5.50 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$1,105.50 |

Tax Collector

| | | |
|------------------------------|--|------------|
| Salary | | \$550.00 |
| Surety bond | | 73.60 |
| Printing, postage, etc. | | 253.52 |
| Theft insurance | | 94.77 |
| Travel & expense to meetings | | 63.35 |
| Other | | 13.57 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,048.81 |
| Balance | | 8.36 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,057.17 |

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|---------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$1,000.00 | |
| Refund (ins.) | 57.17 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$1,057.17 |

Assessors

| | | |
|-------------------------|--|------------|
| Salaries | | \$600.00 |
| Clerical assistance | | 300.00 |
| Printing, postage, etc. | | 51.61 |
| Photostats | | 59.26 |
| Travel expense | | 92.00 |
| Other | | 11.10 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,113.97 |
| Balance | | 36.03 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | | \$1,150.00 |

Town Clerk

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Salary | \$200.00 |
| Services clerk pro-tem | 66.66 |
| Recording fees | 75.00 |
| Printing, postage, etc. | 30.89 |
| Surety bond | 7.50 |
| Association dues | 7.50 |
| Telephone | 16.92 |
| Other | 18.11 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$422.58 |
| Balance | 27.42 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$450.00 |

Election & Registration

| | |
|-------------------|----------|
| Registrars | \$22.50 |
| Election Officers | 70.00 |
| Printing | 35.00 |
| Street lists | 170.00 |
| Other | 4.70 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$302.20 |
| Appropriation | \$300.00 |
| From reserve fund | 2.20 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$302.20 |

Certifying Notes

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|---------------|---------|
| Certification | \$6.00 |
| Balance | 4.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$10.00 |

Moderator

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| Salary | \$50.00 |
| Appropriation | 50.00 |

Town Counsel

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Salary | \$100.00 |
| Appropriation | 100.00 |

Town Hall

| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| Janitor's salary | \$780.00 |
| Fuel | 455.56 |
| Light | 115.94 |
| Janitor's supplies | 69.80 |
| Repairs | 54.95 |
| Painting | 696.80 |
| New Furniture | 36.50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,209.55 |
| | 190.45 |
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|---------------------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$2,400.00 |
| Total, General Government | \$8,368.14 |

Protection of Persons & Property

Police

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Constables' Services | \$160.00 |
| Balance | 40.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Appropriation | \$200.00 |

Fire Department

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Salary, Chief | \$100.00 |
| Fire pay rolls | 314.50 |
| Fire and oil permits | 163.10 |
| Insurance | 446.89 |
| Rent, repairs, etc. | 614.13 |
| Equipment and supplies | 621.10 |
| Telephone | 193.20 |

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|-------------|--------|
| Fire holes | 42.00 |
| Postage | 3.90 |
| 2-way radio | 400.00 |

\$2,899.12

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|---------|-----|
| Balance | .88 |
|---------|-----|

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|---------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$2,900.00 |
|---------------|------------|

Moth Suppression

| | |
|---------|---------|
| Labor | \$48.00 |
| Balance | 252.00 |

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|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$300.00 |
|---------------|----------|

Tree Warden

| | |
|--------|---------|
| Salary | \$25.00 |
| Labor | 218.40 |
| Auto | 15.00 |
| Other | 2.32 |

\$260.72

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|---------|-------|
| Balance | 39.28 |
|---------|-------|

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|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$300.00 |
|---------------|----------|

Sealer of Weights and Measures

| | |
|----------------|---------|
| Salary | \$75.00 |
| Transportation | 10.00 |

\$85.00

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|---------|-------|
| Balance | 15.00 |
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|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$100.00 |
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|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Total, Protection Persons & Property | \$3,452.84 |
|--------------------------------------|------------|

Highways

Chapter 81

| | |
|-----------|------------|
| Labor | \$6,857.54 |
| Machinery | 7,497.35 |
| Materials | 5,142.43 |
| Insurance | 347.68 |

\$19,845.00

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|--------------------|------------|
| Town appropriation | \$2,520.00 |
| State allotment | 17,325.00 |

\$19,845.00

Chapter 90 Construction

1954 Contract

| | |
|-----------|----------|
| Labor | \$760.58 |
| Machinery | 249.60 |
| Materials | 419.39 |
| Insurance | 38.60 |

Balance from 1954 \$1,468.17

Chapter 90 Maintenance

| | |
|-----------|----------|
| Labor | \$409.60 |
| Machinery | 615.35 |
| Materials | 1,954.16 |
| Insurance | 20.89 |

\$3,000.00

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|--------------------|------------|
| Town appropriation | \$1,000.00 |
| State allotment | \$1,000.00 |
| County allotment | 1,000.00 |

\$3,000.00

General Highway

| | |
|-----------|------------|
| Labor | \$2,008.30 |
| Machinery | 4,371.03 |
| Materials | 883.71 |
| Insurance | 94.68 |

 \$7,357.72

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|---------|--------|
| Balance | 147.18 |
|---------|--------|

 \$7,504.09

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|---------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$5,000.00 |
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|----------|----------|
| Transfer | 2,500.00 |
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|--------|------|
| Refund | 4.90 |
|--------|------|

 \$7,504.90

Machinery Account

| | |
|-------|----------|
| Labor | \$384.10 |
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|-----------|--------|
| Insurance | 520.46 |
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| Gas & Oil | 942.39 |
|-----------|--------|

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|----------------|--------|
| Misc. supplies | 369.73 |
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|----------------|----------|
| Rent & repairs | 1,924.60 |
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|-----------|--------|
| Telephone | 132.35 |
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|---------------|-----------|
| New machinery | 10,277.00 |
|---------------|-----------|

 \$14,550.63

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|---------|--------|
| Balance | 977.00 |
|---------|--------|

 \$15,527.63

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|-------------------|------------|
| Balance from 1954 | \$3,170.63 |
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|-----------------|-----------|
| Appro from fund | 12,357.00 |
|-----------------|-----------|

 \$15,527.63

LaFlamme Road

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$100.00 |
| Expended | 99.98 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance | \$.02 |

Street Lighting

| | |
|---------------|------------|
| Street lights | \$1,263.90 |
| Traffic light | 145.78 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,409.68 |
| Balance | 140.32 |

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|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| Appropriation | \$1,550.00 | |
| Total, Highways | | \$47,731.08 |

Flood Damage Repairs

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Total expended | \$31,732.94 |
| Reimbursed by Fed. Gov't | 27,630.89 |
| | <hr/> |
| Deficit | \$4,102.05 |

Health

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Inspection of slaughtering | \$20.00 |
| Medical services | 33.00 |
| Oxygen | 14.80 |
| Medical supplies | 45.34 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$113.14 |
| Balance | 101.66 |

\$214.80

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$200.00 |
| Refund | 14.80 |
| | <hr/> |

\$214.80

Charities

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Salaries, Welfare Board | \$150.00 |
| Medical care | 8.25 |
| Relief by other town | 50.00 |
| Groceries & Fuel | 241.04 |
| Cash grants | 117.00 |
| Clothing | 12.00 |
| Rent | 44.00 |

 \$622.29

| | |
|---------|--------|
| Balance | 377.71 |
|---------|--------|

 \$1,000.00

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|--------------------|------------|
| Town appropriation | \$1,500.00 |
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|---------------------------|--------|
| Trans. to machinery acct. | 500.00 |
|---------------------------|--------|

 \$1,000.00

Old Age Assistance

| | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| 1954 Balance | \$320.86 |
| Federal grants, 1955 | 7,677.11 |
| Town appropriation | 14,000.00 |
| Recoveries | 663.00 |

 \$22,660.97

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Trans. to Gen'l highway acct. | 2,500.00 |
|-------------------------------|----------|

 \$20,160.97

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|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash grants | \$18,733.48 |
| Balance in town appropriation | 551.18 |
| Balance in Federal funds | 876.31 |

 \$20,160.97

Old Age Assistance, Administration

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Federal grants 1955 | \$293.69 | |
| Town appropriation | 2,200.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$2,493.69 |
| Salaries & services | 2,114.79 | |
| Balance in Federal grants | 12.46 | |
| Balance in town appropriation | 256.43 | |
| 1954 overdraft in Federal funds | 110.01 | |
| | <hr/> | \$2,493.69 |

Aid to Dependent Children

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 1954 balance | \$221.11 | |
| Federal grants 1955 | 1,724.43 | |
| Town appropriation | 3,000.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$4,945.54 |
| Cash grants | \$3,729.20 | |
| Balance in Federal funds | 39.94 | |
| Balance in town appropriation | 1,176.40 | |
| | | \$4,945.54 |

Aid to Dependent Children, Administration

| | | |
|---------------------|----------|----------|
| Federal grants 1955 | \$252.32 | |
| 1954 balance | 87.04 | |
| | <hr/> | \$339.86 |
| Expended | | 336.44 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Balance | | \$3.42 |

Disability Assistance

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Balance in Federal funds 1954 | \$5.41 | |
| Federal grants 1955 | 797.81 | |
| Town appropriation | 1,400.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$2,203.22 |
| Cash grants | \$1,856.30 | |
| Balance in Federal funds | 155.22 | |
| Balance in town appropriation | 191.70 | |
| | <hr/> | \$2,203.22 |

Disability Assistance, Administration

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Federal grant | \$233.17 |
| Expended | 210.50 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance | \$22.67 |

Veterans' Service District

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|----------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Paid treasurer of District | \$758.90 | |
| Balance | 15.00 | |
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| Raised by Assessors | \$773.90 | |
| Total, Charities | | \$28,361.90 |

Veterans' Benefits

| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| Cash grants | \$1,242.00 |
| Groceries | 398.75 |
| Fuel | 81.00 |
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| | \$1,721.75 |
| Town appropriation | 1,000.00 |
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| Overdraft | \$721.75 |

Schools

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| General Administration | \$3,348.78 |
| Teachers' salaries | 21,355.00 |
| Text books & supplies | 1,490.01 |
| Janitor service | 3,000.00 |
| Fuel & Light | 2,161.63 |
| Repairs | 1,593.91 |
| Health | 800.00 |
| Transportation | 21,806.42 |
| Janitor's supplies | 271.82 |
| New equipment | 132.44 |
| Care of grounds & equipment | 174.08 |

 \$56,134.09

 Balance 2,190.91

\$58,325.00

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| Appropriation | \$51,600.00 |
| Tantasqua transp. appro. | 6,725.00 |

\$58,325.00

Trade School Tuition & Transportation

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Tuition paid Springfield | \$175.35 |
| Tuition paid Southbridge | 427.51 |
| Transportation | 397.00 |

 \$999.86

 Balance .14

\$1,000.00

School Lunch Program

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| Receipts from lunches | \$3,419.99 |
| From State | 1,451.50 |
| 1954 balance | 157.29 |

 \$5,028.78

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|------------------------|------------|------------|
| Labor | \$1,912.00 | |
| Groceries & provisions | 2,756.54 | |
| Other | 239.89 | |
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| | | \$4,908.43 |
| Balance | | <hr/> |
| | | \$120.35 |

Tantasqua Regional School

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|----------------|-------------|
| Appropriation | \$57,903.38 |
| Paid treasurer | 57,903.38 |

Library

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|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Salary, Librarian | \$700.00 | |
| Assistant at East Brimfield | 26.00 | |
| Janitor | 180.00 | |
| Books | 379.18 | |
| Periodicals | 139.90 | |
| Fuel | 392.40 | |
| Light | 50.76 | |
| Insurance | 23.75 | |
| Repairs | 77.03 | |
| Printing, postage, etc. | 26.70 | |
| Other | 11.59 | |
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| | | \$2,007.31 |
| Balance | | .31 |
| Appropriation | \$1,200.00 | |
| Dog Fund | 533.00 | |
| Income from funds | 215.49 | |
| Lincoln Fund (repairs) | 59.13 | |
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| | | \$2,007.62 |

Common

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| Removing trees | \$225.00 |
| Power mower | 133.33 |

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|-------------------|----------|
| Waste receptacles | 47.00 |
| Labor | 74.95 |
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| | \$480.28 |
| Balance | 194.72 |
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| Appropriation | \$675.00 |

Memorial Day

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|---------------|----------|
| Plants | \$72.00 |
| Flags | 30.07 |
| Music | 29.68 |
| Speaker | 15.00 |
| Other | 3.25 |
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| Appropriation | \$150.00 |

Property Insurance

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|---------------|----------|
| Premiums paid | \$589.52 |
| Balance | 60.48 |
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| Appropriation | \$650.00 |

Compensation Insurance

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| Premium paid | \$864.31 |
| Appropriation | 864.31 |

Aid to Agriculture

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|---------------|---------|
| Appropriation | \$75.00 |
| Expended | 75.00 |

Civilian Defense

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|---------------------------|---------|
| 1954 balance | \$75.30 |
| Expended for disinfectant | 53.10 |
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| Balance | \$22.20 |

State Census

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|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$150.00 |
| Expended | 150.00 |

County Retirement Fund

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|-----------------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$689.16 |
| Paid County treasurer | 689.16 |

Town Reports

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|--------------------|----------|
| Printing reports | \$466.20 |
| Postage | 26.25 |
| Typing and mailing | 20.00 |

\$512.45

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| Balance | 47.55 |
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| Appropriation | \$560.00 |
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Interest

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|----------------------|----------|
| On highway loans | \$443.63 |
| On revenue loan | 194.44 |
| On schoolhouse bonds | 680.00 |

\$1,318.07

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|-------------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$1,000.00 |
| From reserve fund | 318.07 |

\$1,318.07

Cemetery

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Labor | \$942.75 |
| Loam | 20.00 |
| Repairs & supplies | 158.75 |

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| Insurance | 51.40 |
| Power mower (133.33 from Common appro.) | 133.33 |

\$1,306.23

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|---------|-------|
| Balance | 43.77 |
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| Appropriation | \$1,350.00 |
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Indebtedness

| | |
|--------------|-------------|
| Highway loan | \$17,325.00 |
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|-------------------|----------|
| Schoolhouse bonds | 7,000.00 |
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\$24,325.00

Agency and Trust

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| State audit and parks | \$251.26 |
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| County tax | 2,740.07 |
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| Dog licenses for County | 631.80 |
|-------------------------|--------|

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| Perpetual care funds | 283.47 |
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| Withholding tax | 5,486.65 |
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| County retirement fund | 746.66 |
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|----------------------------|--------|
| County hospital assessment | 160.53 |
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| Funds for perpetual care deposited | 200.00 |
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\$10,500.44

Refunds

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Motor Vehicle Excise tax | \$1,052.56 |
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|-------------------------|--------|
| Property and Poll taxes | 347.79 |
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| Other | 2.20 |
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\$1,402.55

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|----------------|--------------|
| Total payments | \$285,951.07 |
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| Cash at end of year | 51,612.77 |
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\$337,563.84

FRANK S. GIFFORD

Town Accountant

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1955

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| Assets | | Liabilities | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1955 | \$51,612.77 | Overlay, levy of 1955 | \$325.27 |
| Taxes, levy of 1955 | 9,626.76 | Overlay, levy of 1951 | 73.70 |
| levy of 1954 | 1,278.55 | Overlay surplus, reserve fund | 3,322.50 |
| levy of 1953 | 68.04 | Revenue reserved until | |
| levy of 1952 | 17.67 | collected: | |
| levy of 1951 | 73.70 | Classified Forest | |
| Classified Forest Land Tax, 1955 | 201.63 | Land Tax | \$225.83 |
| Classified Forest Land Tax, 1954 | 22.10 | Motor Vehicle | |
| Classified Forest Land Tax, 1953 | .96 | Excise Tax | 4,472.77 |
| Classified Forest Land Tax, 1952 | 1.14 | Tax Title Revenue | 997.83 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1955 | 4,109.24 | | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1954 | 202.56 | Road machinery fund | 5,696.43 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1953 | 113.12 | Compensation Insurance Fund | 445.03 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1952 | 47.85 | Account balances | 640.94 |
| Tax titles held by town | 442.22 | carried to 1956: | |
| Tax Possessions | 555.61 | Federal grant, O.A.A. | \$888.77 |
| Due from state a/c highways | 14,634.04 | Federal grant, A.D.C. | 43.36 |
| Due from County a/c highways | 4,000.00 | Federal grant, | |
| Overlay, levy of 1954 deficit | 17.99 | Dis. Asst. | 177.89 |
| Overlay, levy of 1953, deficit | 32.00 | Chapter 90 | |
| County tax, under-estimate | 183.07 | Construction | 12,000.00 |
| County hospital tax, under-estimate | 24.99 | | |

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Overdraft, Veterans' benefits | 721.75 | School lunch program | 120.35 |
| Flood damage, expended excess | | Machinery account | 977.00 |
| of reimb. | 4,102.05 | Cemetery perp. care | 7.25 |
| | <u>\$92,089.81</u> | | |
| | | Sale of real estate, fund | 14,214.62 |
| | | Sale of cemetery lots, fund | 1,200.00 |
| | | Center school addition (balance) | 20.00 |
| | | War Memorial | 2 288.08 |
| | | State Tax, over-estimate | 117.04 |
| | | Temporary loans | 24.85 |
| | | Surplus Revenue | 48,325.00 |
| | | | 15,396.35 |
| | | | <u>\$92,089.81</u> |

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Trust Funds

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Trust and Investment funds, | | Harriet Harding, Charity | \$3,068.93 |
| cash on deposit | \$40,618.39 | Burns Family, School | 1,098.88 |
| | | Harriet Allen, School | 812.25 |
| | | Cemetery Gate fund | 39.68 |
| | | Cemetery Wall fund | 409.82 |
| | | Pearsall Momument fund | 122.35 |
| | | Hoyt Animal Cemetery fund | 426.66 |
| | | Perpetual care funds | 22,831.66 |
| | | Library Funds: | |
| | | Mary K. Hyde | \$831.50 |
| | | C. J. Shaw | 2,489.09 |

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|-----------------------|-------------|
| E. C. Flynt | 103.52 |
| Julia E. Coy | 645.04 |
| A. G. Tarbell | 200.00 |
| Elizabeth B. Robinson | 411.41 |
| Fitzhenry Warren | 1,000.00 |
| Emily Woods | 500.00 |
| Chamberlin-Smith | 747.33 |
| Lincoln building fund | 3,880.27 |
| Burns family | 1,000.00 |
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| | 11,808.16 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$40,618.39 |

Outstanding Debt

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|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1955: | | |
| Old schoolhouse loan | \$6,000.00 | Net bonded debt |
| New schoolhouse loan | 30,000.00 | |
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| | \$36,000.00 | \$36,000.00 |
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Tax Collector's Report

1955

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|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Commitments as per warrants | | \$80,975.32 |
| Abatements, refunded | | 261.29 |
| | | <hr/> \$81,236.61 |
| Cash to treasurer | \$68,790.49 | |
| Abatements | 2,561.03 | |
| To tax titles | 56.70 | |
| | <hr/> | 71,408.22 |
| | | <hr/> \$9,828.39 |
| Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955 | | |

1954

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955 | | \$6,849.07 |
| Abatements, refunded | | 62.50 |
| | | <hr/> \$6,911.57 |
| Cash to treasurer | \$5,339.72 | |
| Abatements | 221.70 | |
| To tax titles | 49.50 | |
| | <hr/> | 5,610.92 |
| | | <hr/> \$1,300.65 |
| Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955 | | |

1953

| | | |
|--------------------------|--|----------------|
| Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955 | | \$622.94 |
| Abatement, refunded | | 24.00 |
| | | <hr/> \$646.94 |

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|---------------------------|----------|---------|
| Cash to treasurer | \$545.94 | |
| Abatements | 32.00 | |
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| | | 577.94 |
| Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955 | | \$69.00 |

1952

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|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1955 | | \$35.48 |
| Audit adjustment | | 14.40 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$49.88 |
| Cash to treasurer | \$28.50 | |
| Abatement | 2.57 | |
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| | | 31.07 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955 | | \$18.81 |

1951

| | | |
|----------------------------|--|---------|
| Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1955 | | \$88.10 |
| Cash to treasurer | | 14.40 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1955 | | \$73.70 |

Motor Vehicle Excise, 1955

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|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Commitment as per warrants | | \$16,458.09 |
| Abatements, refunded | | 716.16 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$17,174.25 |
| Cash to treasurer | \$12,352.58 | |
| Abatements | 712.43 | |
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| | | 13,065.01 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1955 | | \$4,109.24 |

1954

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955 | \$1,641.76 |
| Commitment in 1955 | 1,303.76 |
| Abatements, refunded | 297.68 |

\$3,243.20

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|-------------------|------------|
| Cash to treasurer | \$2,677.24 |
| Abatements | 363.40 |

3,040.64

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|----------------------------|----------|
| Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1955 | \$202.56 |
|----------------------------|----------|

1953

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955 | \$142.17 |
| Audit adjustment | 50.00 |
| Abatements, refunded | 38.72 |

\$130.89

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|-------------------|-------|
| Cash to treasurer | 17.77 |
|-------------------|-------|

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|---------------------------|----------|
| Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955 | \$113.12 |
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1952

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955 | \$119.70 |
| Cash to treasurer | \$57.30 |
| Abatement | 14.55 |

71.85

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| Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1955 | \$47.85 |
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JEAN HAYWARD

Collector of Taxes

Memorial Day Committee

The Memorial Day Committee was fortunate in securing the assistance of the Tantasqua Regional High School Band also the cooperation of the American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, teachers and pupils in carrying out the Memorial Day program.

Free ice cream was given to the pupils by Hatch's Village Store.

GEORGE E. HITCHCOCK

PERCY MOORE

ALBERT GENDREAU

PERRY WESTON

MARGARET GILMAN

GLADYS L. WEBBER

Cemetery Commissioners' Report

To the Citizens of Brimfield:

It is with deep regret that our report must first chronicle the passing of Mr. George E. Hitchcock on June 17, 1955.

Mr. Hitchcock served the town as Cemetery Commissioner continuously for nearly 37 years and his interest in and devotion to the Cemetery was complete. In the death of Mr. Hitchcock, the town has lost a true friend and an unselfish servant.

The regular maintenance work in the Cemetery was drastically interrupted by the August flood. However, during the Fall the damage was repaired and the grounds put in suitable condition for winter.

Our estimate for 1956 work calls for an expenditure of \$1,150.00 and we request that this amount be appropriated.

Respectfully,

CHENEY F. NEWTON

MARY E. HITCHCOCK

EVERETT D. LANDEN

Cemetery Commissioners

Amounts expended for Cemetery General Care

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Daniel Violette | \$130.07 |
| George Hitchcock | 5.25 |
| Louis Martin | 8.12 |
| Philip Martin | 19.25 |
| Victor Howlett | 41.31 |
| Thomas Killian | 13.50 |
| George Dockham | 168.75 |
| C. F. Newton | 183.00 |
| Norman Howlett | 46.20 |
| Arthur Moreau | 19.25 |
| Philip Moreau | 7.70 |
| Stanley Adams | 24.00 |
| Kenneth Howlett | 17.50 |
| Robert Dionne | 110.55 |
| Gordon Brown | 59.00 |
| Lloyd Pierce | 55.00 |
| Norman Wesson | 34.00 |
| Percy Moore | 36.00 |
| M. K. Hitchcock | 1.53 |
| Haley's Grain Store | 5.29 |
| C. F. Newton | 13.75 |
| Brimfield Garage | 40.73 |
| Hatch's Village Store | 13.78 |
| Weidenmiller-Magovern | 181.30 |

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|------------------|------------|
| Harold Hitchcock | 20.00 |
| William Spooner | 51.40 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,306.23 |

Expended from Perpetual Care Funds

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| George Dockham | \$76.88 |
| C. F. Newton | 29.70 |
| P. Dionne | 21.45 |
| Norman Howlett | 12.10 |
| Raymond Clarke | 10.00 |
| Weidenmiller-Magovern | 133.34 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$283.47 |

Highways

Amounts expended under Chapter 81

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| George B. Sherman | \$1,798.10 |
| Ralph Stanton | 1,273.13 |
| Victor Howlett | 1,247.50 |
| Charles Sherman | 1,230.63 |
| Norman Wesson | 235.00 |
| Gayle Stevens | 895.00 |
| Raymond Clarke | 10.00 |
| Noah Fountain | 5.00 |
| Donald Young | 21.92 |
| Robert Welch | 31.26 |
| George Dockham | 40.00 |
| Ernest Pelletier | 70.00 |
| N. E. Metal Culvert Co. | 1,118.86 |
| Hatch's Village Store | 8.55 |
| Haley's Grain Store | 43.36 |
| Camosse Bros | 36.10 |
| Edw. Christianson | 1.24 |
| Charles Herbert | 238.00 |
| J. Skoywra, Jr. | 84.00 |
| Ernest Smart | 576.00 |
| Barrett Division | 2,418.92 |
| J. J. Moran | 14.00 |
| Blake Bros. | 230.00 |
| Harold Hitchcock | 530.25 |
| Poirier Bros | 357.50 |
| W. Jurczyk | 174.25 |
| Sherman Boutwell | 25.00 |
| Town of East Brookfield | 46.80 |
| Stanley Karczmarczyk | 15.90 |
| Town of Brookfield | 56.00 |
| Franklin Smith | 3.00 |

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|------------------------|-------------|
| John Ozut | 26.16 |
| John Lizak | 768.00 |
| Ernest Roberts | 63.45 |
| Hattie Lavallee | 50.10 |
| Louis Gagliardi | 15.45 |
| N. Demetrius | 7.50 |
| B & M Asphalt Corp. | 513.19 |
| Compensation Insurance | 347.68 |
| Machinery | 5,218.20 |
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| | \$19,845.00 |

Amounts expended under Chapter 90
1954 contract for construction

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|------------------------|------------|
| George B. Sherman | \$195.38 |
| Ralph Stanton | 150.00 |
| Victor Howlett | 150.00 |
| Charles Sherman | 140.00 |
| Robert Cutler | 10.00 |
| Gayle Stevens | 115.00 |
| Hatch's Village Store | 18.50 |
| Haley's Grain Store | 8.10 |
| Frank W. Hance | 304.57 |
| Hattie Lavallee | 3.92 |
| State Prison Colony | 84.50 |
| Compensation insurance | 38.60 |
| Town machinery | 249.60 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,468.17 |

Amounts expended under Chapter 90 Maintenance

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|-------------------------|------------|
| George B. Sherman | \$89.60 |
| Ralph Stanton | 70.00 |
| Victor Howlett | 70.00 |
| Charles Sherman | 70.00 |
| Gayle Stevens | 50.00 |
| Noah Fountain | 20.00 |
| Ernest Pelletier | 40.00 |
| B & M Asphalt Corp. | 133.35 |
| Barrett Division | 1,591.53 |
| Charles Hebert | 102.00 |
| Blake Bros | 120.00 |
| Jas. Moran | 29.75 |
| Harold Hitchcock | 132.00 |
| Town of East Brookfield | 15.60 |
| John Lizak | 229.28 |
| Compensation insurance | 20.89 |
| Town machinery | 216.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$3,000.00 |

Amounts expended under General Highway

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| George B. Sherman | \$585.80 |
| Ralph Stanton | 401.25 |
| Charles Sherman | 366.25 |
| Norman Wesson | 291.25 |
| Victor Howlett | 171.25 |
| Arthur Brown | 61.25 |
| Raymond Clarke | 81.25 |
| Gayle Stevens | 50.00 |
| Haley's Grain Store | 18.90 |
| Hatch's Village Store | 22.04 |
| N. E. Metal Culvert Co. | 1,064.70 |
| Edw. Christianson | 8.30 |
| Brimfield Oil Co. | 8.38 |
| Noah Fountain | 84.80 |
| W. W. Jurczyk | 24.00 |

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|------------------------|------------|
| Chemical Corporation | 351.00 |
| James Yelle | 104.00 |
| Harold Hitchcock | 17.50 |
| C. C. Lewis Co. | 118.59 |
| B & M Asphalt Corp. | 54.00 |
| Barrington & Chappell | 112.80 |
| Poirier Bros | 52.00 |
| Rene St. Pierre | 34.00 |
| E. Supernor | 32.00 |
| Louis Gagliardi | 46.20 |
| Lewis Howlett | 9.36 |
| Palmer Register | 4.80 |
| Valley Garage | 316.86 |
| Rudy Krol, Jr. | 76.80 |
| John Lizak | 1,945.50 |
| Compensation insurance | 94.68 |
| Town machinery | 748.21 |
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| | \$7,357.72 |

Amounts expended from Machinery account

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| George B. Sherman | \$161.60 |
| Ralph Stanton | 91.25 |
| Victor Howlett | 3.75 |
| Charles Sherman | 113.75 |
| Gayle Stevens | 13.75 |
| Hatch's Village Store | 19.70 |
| Griswold's Garage | 30.24 |
| Valley Garage | 637.68 |
| Brimfield Garage | 693.34 |
| Brimfield Oil Co. | 3.85 |
| Eastern Equipment Sales | 8.35 |
| Palmer Garage | 1.00 |
| Riverside Garage | 7.50 |
| Zabek Motor Sales | 60.24 |
| Sconoy-Mobil Oil Co. | 942.39 |
| Tyler Equipment Corp. | 7,351.47 |

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|------------------------|-------------|
| C. A. Krohne & Sons | 39.38 |
| Telephone | 132.35 |
| A. G. LaMontagne, Inc. | 3,203.58 |
| Bowker-Hamblin | 358.17 |
| W. W. Jurczyk | 25.00 |
| Graves Equipment | 13.05 |
| Esso Standard Oil | 7.28 |
| William Spooner | 507.94 |
| Hitchcock Free Academy | 100.00 |
| Compensation insurance | 12.52 |
| Town machinery | 8.00 |
| John the Jack Man | 3.50 |
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| | \$14,550.63 |

Report of The Board of Public Welfare and Bureau of Old Age Assistance

The year 1955 brought new changes and developments into the administration of the Brimfield Board of Public Welfare. Due mostly to the increased demand on the department for more thorough administration, both on a fiscal as well as welfare level, it was decided to employ the services of a Welfare Worker for a longer work week. This approximated a 30 hour week in Brimfield, and began January 3, 1955. The result of this change was little or no loss of Federal and State reimbursement on all categories for the fiscal year, and more attention could be paid to the investigations and settlements of all cases carried throughout the year.

Aid in 1955 was granted to an average of 22 cases of Old Age Assistance, 3 Aid to Dependent Children, 2 cases of Disability Assistance and 8 General Relief cases. The addition of new cases by application or transfer from other categories, has been offset by deaths, or increases in the family resources which resulted in their being dropped from the category caseload. We aided three cases of OAA residing in other towns, and in return received reimbursements for 3 cases from other towns. In our General Relief Category we aided 2 cases with settlement in other towns and received payment in full, 4 cases with State settlement and have received reimbursement to July 1, 1955, and 2 cases with Brimfield settlement.

In September our Welfare Worker received notice that he had passed his Civil Service examination for

Social Worker, and was appointed agent of the Board of Public Welfare.

During the latter part of 1955 and early 1956, this Board has been investigating the possibility and value to the Town, of Brimfield entering into a contract with a town or towns for the purpose of forming a Welfare District. Public Welfare is becoming a complex and ever increasing part of our daily living, and it is the aim of these districts to provide better and more efficient administration under a complete staff, at a marked decrease in administrative costs. Under the present situation, the town receives a Federal reimbursement of 50% on all matchable administrative expenditures. Under a District form of administration, an additional 33% is reimbursed by the State. The remaining administrative expense is divided proportionately by caseload among the member towns of the District.

Each town retains its own Board of Public Welfare to decide on local cases, and a member of each Board is delegated to the District Prudential committee for decisions on administrative policy. Thus each town has one vote in the District. If this plan proves feasible and to the advantage of the town, the Brimfield Board of Welfare will request that an article be placed in the warrant to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting of the town. This article will request the town to give the Selectmen the authority to join with other towns for the purpose of forming a Welfare District at some future date.

Late in 1955, all Boards of Welfare were notified that all Old Age Assistance clients who were not in nursing homes or public institutions were eligible for an increase in their budgets of \$2.50 per month for Travel

Allowance. All OAA budgets have been adjusted to include this new figure for January 1, 1956, as was required by law.

Respectfully submitted for the
Brimfield Board of Public Welfare

By ALBERT R. DUPSHA, Agent

J. FREDERICK LAWRENCE, Chairman
MRS. NANCY E. COX
LLEWELLYN B. NORTON

Report of Assessors

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| Town appropriations raised by taxation | \$180,276.85 |
| Appropriated from available funds | 24,952.00 |
| State Parks | 206.44 |
| State audit | 69.67 |
| County tax | 2,557.00 |
| Tuberculosis hospital assessment | 135.54 |
| Overlay | 2,861.73 |
| Vet's Service District assessment | 773.90 |
| Overlay 1953, deficit | 90.24 |
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| | \$211,923.37 |
| Available funds and estimated receipts | 134,923.30 |
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| Net amount to be raised by taxation | \$77,000.07 |
| 420 Polls @ \$2.00 | 840.00 |
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| Tax assesed on property | \$76,160.07 |
| Valuation of personal property | \$182,510.00 |
| Valuation of real estate | 1,026,380.00 |
| Total valuation | \$1,208,890.00 |
| Tax rate \$63.00 per \$1,000 | |
| Tax assessed on motor vehicles | \$17,761.85 |
| Tax assessed on classified forest land | 1,748.25 |

EDWARD J. KILLIAN

JOHN M. HALEY

JOHN P. MOORE

Board of Assessors

BUDGET FOR 1956

| | Appro. 1955 | Exp. 1955 | Recommended for 1956 |
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| Selectmen | \$1,550.00 | \$1,414.90 | \$1,500.00 |
| Accountant | 875.00 | 860.79 | 750.00 |
| Moderator | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Treasurer | 1,100.00 | 839.34 | 900.00 |
| Collector | 1,000.00 | 991.64 | 1,000.00 |
| Assessors | 1,150.00 | 1,113.97 | 1,150.00 |
| Election & Registration | 300.00 | 300.00 | 500.00 |
| Certifying Notes | 10.00 | 6.00 | 10.00 |
| Town Clerk | 450.00 | 422.58 | 450.00 |
| Town Hall | 2,400.00 | 2,209.55 | 1,800.00 |
| Town Counsel | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Police | 200.00 | 160.00 | 200.00 |
| Fire Department | 2,900.00 | 2,899.12 | 2,700.00 |
| Sealer | 100.00 | 85.00 | 100.00 |
| Moth Suppression | 300.00 | 48.00 | 150.00 |
| Tree Warden | 300.00 | 260.72 | 300.00 |
| Reserve Fund | 750.00 | | 750.00 |
| Health | 200.00 | 113.13 | 1,300.00 |
| Chapter 81 | 2,520.00 | 2,520.00 | 2,520.00 |
| Chapter 90 Construction | 3,000.00 | | 3,000.00 |
| Chapter 90 Maint. | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| General Highway | 7,500.00 | 7,357.72 | 5,000.00 |
| Street Lights | 1,550.00 | 1,409.68 | 1,600.00 |
| Charity (gen'l welfare) | 1,500.00 | 622.29 | 1,000.00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 14,000.00 | 13,448.82 | 14,000.00 |
| Aid to Dep. Children | 3,000.00 | 1,823.60 | 3,500.00 |
| Disability Assistance | 1,400.00 | 1,008.30 | 1,100.00 |
| Old Assist. Admin. | 2,200.00 | 1,943.57 | 3,000.00 |
| Veterans' Benefits | 1,000.00 | 1,721.75 | 1,500.00 |
| Schools | 58,325.00* | 56,134.09 | 49,600.00 |

| | Appro. 1955 | Exp. 1955 | Recommended for 1956 |
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| Trade School Tuition | 1000.00 | 999.86 | 1,500.00 |
| Tantasqua Regional School | 57,903.38 | 57,903.38 | 62,303.40 |
| Library | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Common | 675.00 | 480.28 | 250.00 |
| Memorial Day | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Property Insurance | 650.00 | 589.52 | 550.00 |
| Town Reports | 560.00 | 512.45 | 600.00 |
| Cemetery | 1,350.00 | 1,306.23 | 1,150.00 |
| Interest | 1,308.07 | 1,308.07 | 1,000.00 |
| Pension, Expense & Mili- tary Service Funds | 689.16 | 689.16 | 997.93 |
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| | \$176,215.61 | | \$170,231.33 |

* Includes \$6,725 appro.
for Tantasqua transportation.

Report of the Finance Committee

The finance committee held its first meeting of the new fiscal year on May 2 and elected William B. Cox, chairman, James C. Hatch, vice-chairman, and Denzil Bagster-Collins, secretary. It then met with the selectmen to hear a proposal for the purchase of a new loader for the highway department. The committee approved the selectmen's plan for financing the purchase of the new piece of equipment, and voted to hold its next regular meeting on the Monday after Labor Day, in accordance with established custom.

A special meeting was held on July 25 to take up various articles in the warrant for a special Town meeting on August 1. Among these it may be noted was an article (Article III) dealing with the appropriation of a sum of money for the General Highway Account. The committee was reminded by the selectmen that the maintenance of all bridges in the Town, except one, was the Town's responsibility; that Mill Lane bridge was currently being repaired; and that it would be necessary to replace the Holland Road bridge with a culvert, in the near future. The committee voted to recommend that \$2000 be transferred from Surplus Revenue to the General Highway account. Under Article IV, it was voted to recommend that \$200 be taken from Surplus Revenue to install one hundred feet of curbing owned by the town to mark the line separating Route 20 from the common, beginning at the east end.

On August 29, the committee met with the selectmen at their request to discuss the problem of financing the extensive repairs to the Town's highways and bridges arising from the recent disastrous floods. Selectman Gondek informed the committee that under the policy

laid down by the State Highway Commissioner at a meeting in Worcester dealing with flood relief, no Chapter 81 or 90 Highway funds were to be used for emergency repairs; that permanent repairs or reconstruction of bridges and highways would be undertaken by the State; and that the Town would be reimbursed for using its own equipment for emergency repairs only to the extent necessary to get the roads open again; and that if other equipment was needed to supplement the Town's loader and trucks, the State would reimburse only part of the rental costs. Mr. Gondek further stated that the town had been advised not to borrow money at this time in order to make repairs that otherwise would be carried out by the State in due course. Following the report of the selectmen the committee voted to recommend that Town equipment be used as far as possible to complete all emergency repairs; that other equipment be hired only to the extent needed to reopen roads, leaving all permanent repairs to the State.

There was no financial business to transact at the regular meeting on September 12, but in response to a request from the selectmen, Walter B. Cox, Joseph Dmuchovsky, and James C. Hatch volunteered to serve on a committee to draw up a set of Town Bylaws, to be presented at the next annual Town Meeting. It was voted to await the call of the chairman for the time of the next meeting.

On December 5 the committee met with Town Accountant Gifford to hear his recommendations regarding articles in the warrant for a special Town meeting on December 12. In executive session it was voted to recommend the transfer of \$2400 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account and to authorize the transfer from the Finance Committee's Reserve Fund the following amounts: Town Accountant, \$25.00; selectmen, \$100.00; Election and Registration, \$2.20; Chap-

ter 90 Highway Maintenance, \$300.00; Interest, \$318.17.

On January 4 members of the finance committee attended a meeting in the Tantasqua Regional School, together with other representatives of the five co-operating towns to hear the budget for 1956 presented. There was further discussion of this budget and of Brimfield's share in the cost of construction, maintenance and operation of the Regional School District, at the regular meeting of the committee on January 9. It was then decided to schedule budget hearings for the several town departments on February 6 and 7.

The preliminary survey of the annual budget began on February 6, when Superintendent Ladd and members of the school committee introduced and explained the budget for the Elementary School. Mr. Philip Benjamin outlined the needs of the library, and Mr. John M. Haley and Mr. Edward J. Killian reported for the assessors. The committee then met with the selectmen to review budgetary items and other financial matters directly under their control.

The needs of the welfare board were explained by Mr. J. Frederick Lawrence on February 7. Mr. Lawrence also spoke of the possibility of Brimfield's joining with other towns in this area to form a welfare district for more efficient and economical administration and operation of the welfare program. Mr. J. Cheney Newton appeared in behalf of the cemetery commission, and Mr. Donald J. Loux for the fire department and for civil defense. Mr. Loux reported the purchase from available funds of a two-way radio to be mounted on the fire truck, that would make possible direct contact with Fire Control Tower on Steerage Rock and thence by telephone to other points. With reference to civil defense Mr. Loux pointed out that Brimfield has been classified as a reception center on the state level, in the event of mass evacuation of urban areas. He also asserted that in the

purchase of special equipment for civil defense, such as a standby generator to provide light and heat in the Town Hall in the event of a power failure, any appropriation voted by the town would be matched dollar for dollar by the Federal government. Meeting thereafter in closed session, the committee reviewed and voted on all items in the budget and all articles in the warrant for the annual town meeting, concerned with financial matters.

In accordance with the Town Bylaw, adopted June 10, 1927, and amended February 2, 1931, the committee reports that it has held eight regular and special meetings during the year. Once more the committee takes this opportunity to commend the selectmen, the town officers, and department heads, for the fine cooperation they have accorded the committee in carrying out its duty to make sound recommendations to the voters on all matters related to the appropriation and expenditure of town funds.

Respectfully submitted,

DENZIL BAGSTER-COLLINS

Secretary

Librarian's Report

The year 1955 has seen some changes in the Library, books have been ordered monthly, thus making the very latest books available to our readers. Several gifts of new books have been received from people interested in the Library.

The two day Art Exhibit sponsored by Charles A. DeLand, Jr., in which local talent exhibited their paintings, created much interest and brought many visitors from surrounding towns.

Damage from the August flood was confined to the basement, where the water pump and furnace suffered considerable damage. Fortunately, only a very few out-of-circulation books were lost, these being stored on a basement shelf.

The Library is opened for one hour Sunday to meet the needs of those interested in "Adventures in Reading"; also each Wednesday and Saturday afternoon and evening.

Visitors are cordially welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET E. DUNSMORE

Librarian

NEW BOOKS ADDED DURING 1955

Fiction

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| Adam, Samuel Hopkins | Grandfather Stories |
| Bassett, Sara Ware | To Each his Dream |
| Bjorn, Thyra F. | Papa's Wife |
| Blackington, Alton H. | Yankee Yarns |
| Bowen, Elenore S. | Return to Laughter |
| Burress, John | Missoui Traveler |
| Cadell, Elizabeth | Money to Burn |
| Cadell, Elizabeth | The Lark Shall Sing |
| Chang, Eileen | The Rice-Sprout Song |
| Constant, Alberta W. | Oklahoma Run |
| Cooper, Louise Field | The Cheerful Captive |
| Corbett, Elizabeth | Family Portrait |
| Costain, Thomas B. | The Tomtine (2 Vols) |
| Dane, Clemence | Flower Girls |
| Davenport, Marcia | My Brother's Keeper |
| Davies, Robertson | Leaven of Malice |
| DeWohl, Louis | The Spear |
| Dodson, Kenneth | Away all Boats |
| Dunscomb, Charles | The Bond and The Free |
| Edminston, James | Home Again |
| Finletter, Gretchen | The Dinner Party |
| Forester, C. S. | The Good Shepherd |
| Gallico, Paul | The Snow Goose |
| Gardner, Erle S. | Case of the Sun Bather's Diary |
| Gipson, Fred | Recollection Creek |
| Hale, Lucretia P. | The Peterkin Papers |
| Kantor, Mackinley | Andersonville |
| Kennelly, Ardyth | Up Home |
| Landon, Christopher | A Flag in the City |
| Lofts, Norah | Eleanor the Queen |
| Loring, Emilie | I Take this Man |
| Loring, Emilie | My Dearest Love |
| Lott, Milton | The Last Hunt |
| MacInnes, Helen | Pray for a Brave Heart |

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| Markandaya, Kanala | Nectar in a Sieve |
| Marquand, John P. | Sincerely Willis Wayde |
| Mason, F. Van Wyck | Blue Hurricane |
| Nathan, Robert | Sir Henry |
| Norris, Kathleen | Miss Harriet Townshend |
| North, Andrew | Sargasso of Space |
| Patton, Frances Gray | Good Morning Miss Dove |
| Rinehart, Mary R. | The Best of Tish |
| Ruark, Robert | Something of Value |
| Schulberg, Budd | Waterfront |
| Shapiro, Lionel | The Sixth of June |
| Shute, Nevil | The Breaking Wave |
| Smith, Dorothy E. | Huffley Fair |
| Stolz, Mary | Organdy Cupcakes |
| Thompson, Morton | Not as a Stranger |
| Van der Post, Laurens | Flamingo Feather |
| Warren, Robert Penn | Band of Angels |
| Weinreb, Nathaniel | The Sorceress |
| White, Helen C. | This is the Life |
| White, Nelia G. | The Thorn Tree |
| Wilson, Sloan | The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit |

NON-FICTION

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| Angle, Paul M. | By These Words |
| Beals, Carlton | Our Yankee Heritage |
| Behrman, S. N. | The Worcester Account |
| Bosca, Geoffrey | The Woman who would be Queen |
| Buck, Pearl S. | My Several Worlds |
| Carrington, C. E. | Life of Rudyard Kipling |
| Carson, Rachel | The Edge of the Sea |
| Chubb, Mary | Nefertiti lived here |
| Clark, Ann N. | Santiago |
| Cloete, Stuart | The African Giant |
| Costain, Thomas B. | The White and the Gold |
| deLeuw, Adele | It's Fun to Cook |
| Douglas, William O. | An Almanac of Liberty |
| Eddy, Sherwood | Eighty Adventurous Years |

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| Fadiman, Clifton | Party of One |
| Fermi, Enrico | Atoms in the Family |
| Ferri, Nels F. S. | Making Religion Real |
| Flesch, Rudolf | Why Johnny Can't Read |
| Fine, Benjamin | 1,000,000 Delinquents |
| Griswold, Erwin N. | the 5th Amendment Today |
| Gunther, John | Inside Africa |
| Hachuja, Michihiko M.D. | Hiroshima |
| Hyde, William T. | Dig or Die, Brother Hyde |
| Kendall, William J. | Hi-Fi Handbook |
| Kieran, John | Nature Wild Flowers, Trees |
| Kornitzen, Bela | The Great American Heritage |
| Krythe, Maymie R. | All about Christmas |
| Lancaster, Bruce | From Lexington to Liberty |
| Lindberg, Anne M. | Gift from the Sea |
| Losten, Leo | Religions of America |
| MacDonald, Betty | Onion in the Stew |
| Mackenzie, Gertrude | |
| | My Love Affair with the State of Maine |
| Marshall, Catherine | The Prayers of Peter Marshall |
| McAdam, Terry | Very Much Alive |
| Morison, Samuel E. | The Parkman Reader |
| Murchie, Guy | Song of Sky |
| Murrow, Edward R. | This I Believe |
| Nile, Blair | Martha's Husband |
| Perry, John | Our Wonderful Eyes |
| Petry, Ann | Harriet Tubman |
| Piersall and Hirshberg | Fear Strikes Out |
| Pike, James A. | If you marry outside your Faith |
| Rau, Santha Rama | This is India |
| Rosenbloom, Morris V. | Peace through Strength |
| Roth, Lillian | I'll Cry Tomorrow |
| Shirer, William L. | (The) Challenge of Scandinavia |
| Skinner, Cornelia | Bottoms Up |
| Thompson, Walter H. | Assignment:—Churchill |
| Ullman, James R. | Tiger of the Snows |
| Vining, Elizabeth G. | The Virginia Exiles |

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| Gramatky, Hardie | Little Toot |
| Hano, Arnold | A Day in the Bleachers |
| Hays, Wilma P. | Pilgrim Thanksgiving |
| Haywood, Carolyn | Betsy and the Circus |
| Haywood, Carolyn | B is for Betsy |
| Ipcar, Dahlov | World full of Horses |
| Kiddell-Monroe | Wau Wau the Ape |
| Langstaff, John | Frog went a Courting |
| Lawson, Robert | The Tough Winter |
| Lawson, Robert | Ben and Me |
| Leaf-Munro | Ferdinand |
| Lewellen, John | The Mighty Atom |
| Lenski, Lois | Indian Captive |
| MacGregor, Ellen | Theodore Turtle |
| Malvern, Gladys | Behold your Queen |
| McCloskey, Robert | One Morning in Maine |
| McCloskey, Robert | Homer Price |
| Meadowcraft, Enid L. | Story of David Crockett |
| Means Florence C. | Carver's George |
| Milhous, Katherine | With Bells On |
| Payne, Emmy | Katy No-Pocket |
| Perkins, Martin | Zooparade |
| Rey, H. A. | Find the Constellations |
| | Ring o' Roses |
| Ripper, Charles L. | Bats |
| Robinson, Tom | Trigger John's Son |
| Robinson, W. W. and Irene | Picture Book of Animal Babies |
| Sears, Paul McCutcheon | Tree Frog |
| Shephard, Esther | Paul Bunyan |
| Spykman, E. C. | A Lemon and a Star |
| Weisgard, Leonard | Down Huckleberry Hill |
| Wilder, Laura I. | On the Banks of Plum Creek |
| Wolfe, Louis | Adventures on Horseback |
| Woolley, Catherine | Ellie's Problem Dog |
| Zim, Herbert S. | The Big Cats |
| Zim, Herbert S. | What's inside of Animals |

Report of the Fire Chief and Forest Warden

During the year the Department responded to 13 brush, 8 grass, 4 truck, 1 automobile, 1 rubbish and 9 building fires. In addition to these fires, the Department answered three out of town calls, including 1 drowning and 1 case requiring the use of oxygen, making a total of 39 calls for the year.

Fortunately, excessive rainy weather kept our forest fires to a minimum. Faulty heating, lightning and carelessness accounted for several calls.

As in past years the Volunteer Department burned over dangerous grass lands around buildings (where requested) during the spring and early summer.

During the flood days in August a dozen members of the Volunteer Department worked around the clock in an effort to save property from water damage. The Town is indebted to these men who worked long hours without relief or compensation.

500 feet of forest fire hose was purchased early in the year, 8 water holes were cleaned out in August, and all equipment was tested and weak hoses discarded.

Please be reminded that permits are required for the following:

To install—alter Liquified Petroleum Gas

To install—alter Fuel Oil Burning Equipment

To Store Fuel Oil and Gas

For all open Fires

A Certificate of Competency is required for all installations of oil burning equipment.

Department Expense For The Year 1955

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| Gas, oil, storage | \$470.11 | |
| Fires | 314.50 | |
| Fire holes | 42.00 | |
| Fire permits | 56.10 | |
| Other permits | 107.00 | |
| Hose | 317.50 | |
| Batteries, pump cans, extinguishers | 303.60 | |
| Zabek | 144.32 | |
| Telephone | 193.20 | |
| Insurance | 446.89 | |
| Postage | 3.90 | |
| Chief's salary | 100.00 | |
| 2 way radio communication system | 400.00 | |
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| Total expenditures | | \$2,899.12 |
| Unexpended balance | | .88 |
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| Town appropriation | | \$2,900.00 |

Requested Budget For 1956

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| Salary | \$100.00 |
| Storage | 360.00 |
| Gas, oil & repairs | 300.00 |
| Telephone | 140.00 |
| Insurance on men | 175.00 |
| Insurance on trucks | 300.00 |
| Fire permits | 50.00 |
| Forest fire payroll | 450.00 |
| Water holes | 100.00 |

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| New equipment | 500.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 25.00 | |
| Generator & Radio installation | 200.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$2,700.00 |

I wish to thank the members of the Volunteer Fire Department and the citizens of the town for their splendid co-operation in keeping our fire losses at a minimum.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD J. LOUX,

Fire Chief and Forest Warden

1955 Report
of the
TRUSTEES FOR COUNTY AID TO
AGRICULTURE
TOWN OF BRIMFIELD

According to Section 45, Chapter 128 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, any town may appropriate money to be expended by the Trustees for carrying out the provisions of the law under which they are appointed.

Agents of the Trustees have made contacts during the past year in your town either by public meetings, individual farm and home visits, group discussions, demonstrations or otherwise in attempting to assist citizens toward improved farm practices, better home management and boys and girls in 4-H Club projects.

The following citizens have been of real assistance in promoting such assigned projects as have been conducted during the year:—Mrs. Sherman Boutwell, Mrs. Arthur Brown, Mrs. Albert Gendreau, Mrs. Harry Gilman, George Gregory, Mrs. Homer Parker, Rev. and Mrs. Allen Tinkham, Perry Weston, Mrs. Gladys Whitten and Mrs. Herbert Wright.

An expense of \$79.19 was incurred by these local leaders for either travel or purchase of material needed in carrying on the various programs.

Any appropriation made by your town to the Trustees is held by the County Treasurer and used exclusively for reimbursing your own citizens for any necessary expenses they may incur in performing such duties as may be assigned to them.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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| 1955 Appropriation | \$75.00 |
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| 1954 Unexpended Balance | 65.34 |
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| Total Available for 1955 | 140.34 |
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| Total Expenditure in 1955 | 79.19 |
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| Balance Available for 1956 | 61.15 |
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| Appropriation recommended for 1956 | 100.00 |
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Respectfully submitted,

Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture

By ALBERT H. FULLER, Clerk

12-15-55

REPORT ON CIVIL DEFENSE ACTIVITY

Although Civil Defense was activated in Brimfield back in 1950, the first opportunity to serve the community came in August with the flood waters. The many volunteers signed up with Civil Defense went about their duties with promptness and efficiency, despite the lack of equipment and supplies to operate under such trying conditions.

The August flood is now a matter of history, but the Bailey Bridge in the center of town serves as a constant reminder of the nightmare we all experienced. One need only to drive on any of the back roads in town to witness the havoc that took place in this little community. The State has promised aid in rebuilding our bridges and roads. In fact His Excellency, Governor Herter personally appeared here on December 29th, for the sole purpose of reassuring the citizens of Brimfield that State aid was forthcoming.

We sympathize with people like the Biccums, the Roberts, the Rousseaus and the Martins who lost their homes, also Wheeler and Orzut for their heavy losses in poultry. However, we should all count our blessings for fortunately Brimfield fared better than surrounding towns like Charlton, Wales and Monson, in that we suffered no loss of life.

It is impossible to publicly acknowledge all the wonderful individual efforts that were expended by the residents of Brimfield during and immediately after the flood period.

An estimated 700 transients were marooned within our town limits. These people were fed and housed, either

in the Town Hall, or in private homes and restaurants.

The first evening of the storm, State Police officer George Mikal, on routine patrol, sensed the impending dangers, and radioed Troop "B" Headquarters in Northampton to obtain the motor boat. Capt. Larson personally escorted the boat here, and assigned Troopers Joe Jagadowski, Larry Thodal and Mechanic John Erhardt to assist Trooper Mikal in handling the boat. These officers worked three days and two nights without relief or rest, evacuating those who were willing to leave their homes, and bringing comfort, supplies and assurance to those who refused to evacuate.

Corporal Ed Conrad and Troopers Dominic Arena and Ed Hart carried in grain and food stuffs by car, farm tractor and on foot, to isolated families in Brimfield.

Sergeant Thomas A. Keeley supervised the helicopter activities, arranged to bring in the Coast Guard Amphibias "Duck" and Sgt. Keeley personally secured pumps from the City of Springfield for us to use in emptying our cellars and polluted wells.

Special thanks go to Civil Defense Area Director Joe Neuman for his splendid cooperation—To Ruth and George Weake for managing to reach town with their big Jack & Jill Ice Cream truck loaded with supplies—To Hathaway Bakeries for donating 1000 loaves of bread—To Sealtest Corp. for 1000 lbs of dry ice and 400 quarts of fresh milk—To the Magees', the Brooks' and the Vincents', who supplied food and lodging, whether people could pay or not they were fed and housed—To Percy Moore for opening up the Town Hall and furnishing time and money to prepare food—To Mrs. Sherris for donating home cooked bread and doughnuts—To Mary Olsson for setting up tables and to Madelyn Reid for helping in the kitchen and for donating meat and groceries—

To Jim Hatch for donating food—To Alice Adams for her friendly spirit in giving out food and smokes—To H. L. Parker and Ed Killian for donating free milk—To Herb Wright for loaning us his boat—To Steve McNamara for lugging 20 qt. cans of water to us—To fellows like Henry Lach, whose family was isolated for days, and who was marooned himself for one night, for working night and day doing traffic duty and running the fire pump to clear out clogged culverts—To Ed Sheeran and Rob Cutler for doing traffic duty (Rabbit Cutler did one stretch of duty over 100 hours)—To John Olsson, Bagster-Collins, Andy Gondek and Howard Mott for pumping out wells—To Wes Martin, Richard Hayward, Butch Lucier, Bobbie Martin, Jerry Carpenter and others who worked around the clock pumping out cellars—To Bill Crossland of the Chas. T. Main Inc. and to Homer L. Parker for loaning us the use of their pickup trucks—To Charles DeLand for bringing me the first hot meal I had had in days—To Ruthie Parker for her tireless spirit, rushing a boy to the Wing Hospital, etc.—To Nancy Cox for running errands and doing everything to help—To Mrs. Ralph H. Hall for organizing her staff of Red Cross workers, dispensing medication and clothing etc.—The American Red Cross spent over \$32,000 in Brimfield alone—To Verva Macumber R.N., Gretchen Loux, R.N. and Marie MacArthur R.N. for setting up their inoculation center in the Town Hall. These volunteer nurses administered 1100 vaccine shots!—To Wes Martin, John Olsson, Ed Sheeran, Leo Lavigne and Walt Lawrence for rushing our Fire Dept. Resuscitator to Lake George in an effort to save a drowning victim—To our Auxiliary Police Joe Boone, Sumner Barr, Ed Sheeran, Robert Cutler, Butch Lucier and Henry Lach for their untiring police duty—To Selectmen Andy Gondek and Teddy Skowyra for distributing bread and milk all over town and for sharing what extra we had with distress-

ed folks in Holland and Wales.—To Sgt. Laughlin and Trooper Max Sousa for rushing a possible polio victim from East Brimfield to the Isolation Hospital in Springfield—To Mabel Peirce for canvassing the town by phone to pass the word that supplies were available at the Fire Station—To Vern Hill, Percy Moore and Johnny Olsson for distributing supplies from the Fire Station—To Sgt. Keeley and Trooper Frank Barbaro for aiding in getting the ambulance and removing our town clerk, who suffered a broken hip, to the Palmer Hospital—To Louis Martin for relaying short wave messages for me over the State Forestry network—To Bob Morin, Richard Martin, Art Gagon, Joe Van Hook, Chas. Sherman, Cheney Lawrence and others for hiking, rowing and swimming to reach their objectives with food supplies—To Sgt. Keeley for securing us extra manpower—Troopers Halloran and Cummings from the Wrentham Barracks and Trooper Joe Raye from Concord Barracks—To Ardini & Pfau Const. Co. for loaning us a portable generator, a couple of jigger pumps, and to Bill Weaver, Irwin Webber and Harold Barnum for donating their time to operate this equipment—To the State Police for loaning us reserve tanks of oxygen—To the many outsiders, like the Klinglers in Wales, who offered their services in our time of distress.

During the height of the storm we were faced with many and varied problems, such as the elderly gentleman who suffered a heart attack, the expectant mother who was marooned in a house trailer and the little baby who was suffering with cerebral palsy; and then some nights following the storm we received a call that three juveniles had borrowed a canoe without permission and while canoeing on the river below the Boys' Club Camp they had capsized the canoe. About twenty members of the Brimfield Fire Department along with Troopers Ed Hart and Frank Barbero undertook the rescue work. We wad-

ed through swamps and brush and driving rain until about three A.M. before the third boy was found, all safe, but somewhat chagrined after their foolish and harrowing escapade.

In publicly acknowledging the volunteer workers named in this report I have, of necessity, limited the list to those people with whom I personally worked. However, I realize that many, many more volunteers gave of their time and efforts without recognition. To these grand people I can only say that someday God will reward them.

I am certainly proud of the wonderful spirit shown by the Citizens of Brimfield and I am proud to live in such a community. Our needs for the future are now much more apparent after having lived through such a great emergency as we experienced during the August flood. We need means of communication, identification, a portable generator for the Town Hall and possibly a geiger counter. These items are presently made available to our town under Federal Matching Funds. In other words, the Federal Government will match whatever amount of money the Town may see fit to appropriate. We can use this equipment for years to come, so the actual cost over a period of years is not nearly as great as the initial purchase would seem to indicate.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD J. LOUX

Director of Civil Defense

Requested Budget

| | |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Short Wave Radio Transmitter | \$500.00 |
| Portable Generator | \$300.00 |
| Identification Material | \$100.00 |
| Geiger Counter | \$100.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | \$1,000.00 |

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

We covered most all of the town roads this year and did some field work. We found and destroyed 28 egg masses of the Gypsy moth as against 749 last year.

PERCY N. MOORE, Supt.

REPORT OF SEALER of WEIGHTS and MEASURES

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Brimfield

I herewith submit report of Sealer of Weights & Measures for the year ending December 31st, 1955.

| | Sealed |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Platform Scales (500 lbs.. | 1 |
| Spring Scales | 3 |
| Computing Scales | 7 |
| Avoirdupois Weights | 4 |
| Milk Tank | 1 |
| Gasoline Meters | 17 |
| Kerosene Pumps | 1 |

Most of the above inspections, were made by our late Sealer of Weights and Measures Ernest Collette.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED WIGGLESWORTH

Sealer

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

During the year I have picked up and confined the required number of dogs, 28 dogs and have disposed of 29. One was killed by an auto. I have investigated 14 complaints: two by people who were bitten by dogs; five complaints of sheep being attacked and killed by dogs and seven complaints of dogs annoying neighbors and chasing cars.

I have also travelled approximately 85 miles collecting unpaid dog licenses.

ARTHUR J. MOREAU

Dog Officer

School Committee's Report

1955

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| Member | Term Expires |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| IRENE WRIGHT, Chairman | 1957 |
| HOMER L. PARKER, Secretary | 1956 |
| HENRY LACH | 1958 |

Superintendent of Schools

HAROLD M. LADD

Office hours:

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 m. — 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

when school is in session

At elementary school every Monday

Telephone Colonial 7-9982 (office)

Colonial 7-9711 (residence)

Secretary to the Superintendent

HELYNN S. HALEY

Office telephone — Colonial 7-9982

Office hours:

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 m. — 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

when school is in session

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| School Physician | DR. BENJAMIN SCHNEIDER |
| School Nurse | VERVA MACUMBER, R. N. |
| Supervisor of Attendance | EDWARD E. SHEERAN |

Hours of School Sessions

Elementary: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Effective January 16, 1956: The Brimfield Elementary school will be in session every day during the school year. Bus drivers will determine when buses will not operate and notify all pupils on their routes.

Entering Age of Pupils

Six years of age on or before the first of January following the opening of school in September.

School Calendar

1955-1956

1955

| | | | |
|-----------|----|-----------|---|
| September | 19 | Monday | Schools open |
| October | 12 | Wednesday | Schools closed—Columbus Day |
| | 21 | Friday | Schools closed—Hampden County Teachers' Association Convention |
| November | 11 | Friday | Schools closed—Veterans' Day |
| | 24 | Thursday) | Schools closed—Thanksgiving Recess |
| | 25 | Friday) | |
| December | 23 | Friday | Schools closed at 11:30 A.M. for Christmas vacation |

1956

| | | | |
|----------|----|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| January | 3 | Tuesday | Schools reopen |
| February | 17 | Friday | Schools close for Midwinter vacation |
| | 27 | Monday | Schools reopen |
| March | 30 | Friday | Schools closed—Good Friday |
| April | 13 | Friday | Schools close for Spring vacation |
| | 23 | Monday | Schools reopen |
| May | 30 | Wednesday | Schools closed—Memorial Day |
| June | 15 | Friday | Schools close for Summer vacation |

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

I submit herewith my fourteenth report as Superintendent of Schools. This report includes the reports of the Elementary School Principal, School Nurse and various statistical tables relating to the operation of the Brimfield Elementary School.

STAFF

Marion Maloney and Jeanne Page were elected to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of Frances Souliere in grade one and Kathleen Mello in grade four, John D. Whalen resigned as Supervisor of Music for Union No. 5. Helen Sweeney and Frank Nilson are teaching vocal and instrumental music respectively. A complete record of the training and experience of all teachers will be found in Appendix B.

EDUCATION PAYS DIVIDENDS

The election of Andrew Jackson as President of the United States brought about a new emphasis on educational objectives and created an entirely new set of ideas about public education. Formerly schools catered to those who could afford to attend and others lost out but now the common people argued that if they could elect one of their own as President, it was high time that their children enjoyed the benefits of an education at public expense and so the common school came into being.

Present day consolidated schools are a far cry from the one room school of nearly two centuries ago and the program of studies has changed materially to keep pace with changing society; however, the elementary

school is still charged with laying the foundation for future educational growth and thereby becomes a most important part of the educational plan. Teachers today are trained to teach special grades or subjects but the school master of colonial days taught all subjects in all grades and a major part of his compensation was board and room provided by different families in the community. This had its advantages because he became acquainted with the needs and desires of the people he served and the curriculum was influenced accordingly.

It is apparent that the citizen of tomorrow will earn a livelihood by being trained in some special field of activity and this will be reflected in school experience. Vocational selections are usually made at the high school level but the elementary school must provide the individual with those basic skills that will better enable the individual to make a wise choice later. Public education is education for the masses and pupils enter school possessed with a wide range of abilities and interests. The elementary teacher must recognize these differences and provide the kind of instruction that best fits the needs of the individual. The degree which this is accomplished will determine the dividend that the community receives for its educational dollar.

CURRICULUM

A curriculum is the blueprint of a school program and deals with how a subject will be taught as well as what should be taught. The effective classroom teacher will constantly change the method of presentation to meet the varying needs of the class. One approach is to divided the subject into small units or projects that can be readily understood by the group and built around the personal experiences of the pupils. The exchange of ideas between pupils will often result in a tabulation of valuable facts not found in the text and add interest to the program.

The teacher will determine when a project should

end and summaries reviewed to be of the most value to the group. Pupils experience great satisfaction from the fact that that they personally contribute to some phase of the subject being taught and this is in effect shaping the curriculum.

Schools aim to develop pupils who will be self-reliant and eager to learn all they can about a given topic; in short, they must be able to think. A functional curriculum will constantly challenge pupils to maintain high standards and derive the most from their school experiences.

PLANT

Flood damage at the elementary school was extensive. The cafeteria area was flooded three times and had to be completely redecorated. A piano and combination radio and record player were a total loss. Excessive rainfall caused the roof to leak in numerous places and all attempts to correct this condition have failed. It may be necessary to replace the whole roof before another year.

Most of the wall surfaces in classrooms and hallways are finished in linoleum and moisture collecting within partitions caused this to fall off in sheets but this cannot be replaced until permanent repairs are made to the roof. The Town of Brimfield received some financial aid from the Federal Government for cleaning up flood damage to the building.

Serious consideration should be given to the playground area. Initial steps were taken a few years ago to organize the area adjacent to the elementary school building for a playground that could be used by the young people of the town during the summer vacation. A baseball diamond was laid out for the Little League and there seems to be a demand for a regular baseball diamond, but this will require considerable expense if it is to be realized in one year. It would be advisable to start this program this year because any grading

would improve the general playground conditions.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

It is the responsibility of our schools to build healthy bodies as well as alert minds and the foundation of this is the hot lunch program. The federal government realized this some years ago when it set up financial aid that made it possible for schools to serve a balanced lunch at a nominal cost. Cafeterias are operated on a non-profit basis and should a surplus develop, this is to be reflected in lower cost to the pupil. It takes careful planning to serve a meal that meets the minimum requirements nutritionally and keep within the budget. This cannot be achieved if the number served each day drops below one hundred and fifty.

The present enrollment of the elementary school is one hundred and eighty, so it is apparent that nearly all pupils in school should avail themselves of the hot lunch if it is to operate effectively. Pupils enjoy a menu that offers a variety and our Manager, Mrs. Whitten, has always served an attractive lunch.

CONCLUSION

It has been a pleasure to work during the past year with a School Committee that takes a keen interest in school affairs and with a teaching staff that is ready and willing to make an extra effort to maintain high standards in the classroom. There was an excellent response on the part of parents at the Open House during Education Week indicating their desire to become better acquainted with their school. Society constantly challenges our schools to turn out better citizens and it is that additional quality of leadership and responsibility coupled with sound character that represents dividends in education.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD M. LADD

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr. Harold M. Ladd
Superintendent of Schools
Monson, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Ladd:

I submit herewith my third annual report as principal of the Brimfield Elementary School.

School opened September 19, 1955 with the following enrollment:

| | |
|---------|-----|
| Grade 1 | 31 |
| Grade 2 | 21 |
| Grade 3 | 33 |
| Grade 4 | 34 |
| Grade 5 | 30 |
| Grade 6 | 27 |
| <hr/> | |
| Total | 176 |

The fifth and sixth grades participated in a very successful magazine subscription campaign. The money that was realized from this drive gave the sixth grade the opportunity to make a field trip to the United Nations Building in New York City. This type of learning experience in addition to the school room gives the children a broader knowledge of affairs outside their own community.

A bicycle rack to hold fifteen bicycles was purchased by a check from the Parent-Teachers Association and the remaining money of the magazine drive.

An open house was held by the teachers in the Spring and was well attended by the parents. This type of public relations helps to keep the people of the

town better informed about our educational facilities and plans of teaching.

The School Department purchased an RCA Victor 16mm movie projector about ten years ago. This machine has been used a great deal and is showing wear in its numerous breakdowns. I feel that the school would profit by trading in the present machine for a new model.

The installation of sound proofing on the ceiling of the cafeteria would decrease the noise created by the many high-pitched voices and add beauty to the lunch room.

The cafeteria is being operated for only the minimum number of students required to keep it in operation. With well-balanced and a variety of meals it is regrettable that more pupils do not avail themselves of this facility.

I feel that the Town of Brimfield can be extremely proud of the caliber of teachers they employ to teach their children.

In closing, I wish to thank you for your guidance and cooperation, the teachers for their assistance, the Brimfield School Committee and parents for their continued interest in school activities. It is a pleasant experience to be a part of this type of teamwork that produces worthy citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK G. NILSON, Jr.

Principal

December 31, 1955

Appendix A

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Harold M. Ladd
Superintendent of Schools
Monson, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Ladd:

I submit herewith my annual report as school nurse for the year ending December 31, 1955.

| | |
|--|-----|
| Pupils weighed and measured | 172 |
| Pupils tested for vision, 1 failure | 172 |
| Pupils tested for hearing, incomplete | |
| Physical examinations (Dr. Benjamin Schneider) | 172 |
| First-aid administered when necessary | |
| Visits to school | 108 |
| Consultations with parents | 30 |
| Periodic pediculosis examinations | |
| Home visits | 30 |
| Pre-school registration | 6 |
| Polio vaccine administered to Grades I and II | 31 |

Parents with children entering school in September will please make a special effort to attend the pre-school registration. Much planning goes into the pre-

school registration program and it would be appreciated if parents would avail themselves of this opportunity.

I wish to thank the superintendent of schools, Mr. Ladd, Mrs. Haley, our school secretary, the school committee, Mr. Nilson and all our teachers for their help and cooperation.

My work is always interesting and I enjoy every minute of the school year.

Respectfully submitted,

VERVA G. MACUMBER, R. N.

December 31, 1955

Appendix B

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF

December 31, 1955

| Position | Name | Training | Years Service in Brimfield | Years Service Total |
|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Administrative Staff | | | | |
| Superintendent | Harold M. Ladd | BS, Ed. M. Univ. of N.H. | 14 | 35 |
| Secretary to the Superintendent | *Helynn S. Haley | Bay Path Institute | 19 | 20 |
| Elementary School | | | | |
| Grade I | (1)*Marion Maloney | Westfield S.T.C. | 0 | 6 |
| Grade II | *Gladys Webber | Westfield S.T.C. | 15 | 40 |
| Grade III | *Irma Davis | Washington State | 5 | 26 |
| Grade IV | (2)*Jeanne Page | Bridgewater S.T.C. | 11 | 36 |
| Grade V | Mary Gaudette | | | |
| Grade VI, | Frank G. Nilson, Jr., | BS Springfield College | 3 | 4 |
| Instrumental | Principal | | | |
| Remedial and Music | *Helen Sweeney | Oneonta S.T.C. | 1 | 11 |
| Janitor | Edward E. Sheeran | | | |
| | *Diploma | | | |
| | (1) Frances Souliere to April, Substitute teacher to June | | | |
| | (2) Kathleen Mello to June | | | |

Appendix C—Table I
ANNUAL SCHOOL CENSUS, 1955

As of October 1

| | 5 years or over and under 7 | 7 years or over and under 16 | Illiterate minors 16 yrs. or over and under 21 |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Total in Town | | | |
| Boys | 13 | 124 | |
| Girls | 22 | 118 | |
| Total | 35 | 242 | |
| In public school | 34 | 232 | |
| In continuation school | | | |
| In vocational school | | 2 | |
| In private school | | 8 | |
| In state and county schools and special classes for de- fectives and delinquents | | | |
| Not enrolled in any school | 1 | | |
| Total | 35 | 242 | |

Appendix C—TABLE II

AGE—GRADE TABLE

October 1, 1955

| Age Grade | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | Total |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| I | 12 | 19 | 2 | | 1 | | | | | | | | 34 |
| II | | 3 | 18 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | | 25 |
| III | | | 4 | 33 | | | | | | | | | 37 |
| IV | | | | 3 | 23 | 5 | 4 | | | | | | 35 |
| V | | | | | 5 | 23 | 1 | 2 | | | | | 31 |
| VI | | | | | | 3 | 20 | 4 | 1 | | | | 28 |
| Total | 12 | 22 | 24 | 39 | 30 | 31 | 25 | 6 | 1 | | | | 190 |

Appendix D

ITEMIZED ACCOUNTS

1955

GENERAL EXPENSES

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Harold M. Ladd | \$1,860.94 |
| Helynn S. Haley | 800.16 |
| Dorothy Patterson | 120.00 |
| Dr. Shannon McCune | 12.50 |
| Henry Lach | 100.00 |
| Irene Wright | 100.00 |
| Homer Parker | 100.00 |
| Blanche Mathieu | 50.00 |
| Mass. Ass'n. Sch. Com. | 20.00 |
| Southbridge Evening News | 10.00 |
| Palmer Register, Inc. | 8.71 |
| Edward Sheeran | 62.70 |
| Paquette Stationery | 23.80 |
| Frank Nilson | 15.00 |
| Christine Batten | 3.85 |
| Hester Sherman | 1.30 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$3,288.96 |

TEACHERS' SALARIES

| | |
|------------|-------------|
| Elementary | \$21,335.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$21,335.00 |

TEXTBOOKS

| | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Walberg & Auge | \$25.36 |
| Chas. E. Merrill | 13.40 |
| Scott, Foresman & Co. | 192.04 |
| American Book Co. | 111.93 |

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------|----------|
| Ginn & Co. | 149.21 | |
| Iroquois Publishing Co. | 11.57 | |
| The Garrard Press | 23.12 | |
| Lyons & Carnahan | 43.91 | |
| Beckley-Cardy Co. | 122.26 | |
| | <hr/> | \$692.80 |

OTHER (Supplies)

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|
| Baker's Sport Center | \$18.60 | |
| H. T. Janes | 2.35 | |
| Walberg & Auge | 19.34 | |
| World Book Co. | 24.23 | |
| Continental Press | 3.49 | |
| J. L. Hammett Co. | 76.20 | |
| Milton Bradley Co. | 131.74 | |
| Cascade Paper Co. | 52.60 | |
| Mainco Trading Co. | 260.50 | |
| Palmer Register, Inc. | 4.75 | |
| | <hr/> | \$593.80 |

JANITOR

| | | |
|----------------|------------|------------|
| Edward Sheeran | \$3,000.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$3,000.00 |

FUEL

| | | |
|-------------------|------------|------------|
| Squier & Co. | \$1,169.10 | |
| Brimfield Oil Co. | 495.82 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,664.92 |

MISCELLANEOUS (Operating)

| | | |
|---------------------|--------|--|
| Brimfield Garage | \$9.53 | |
| Haley's Grain Store | 4.35 | |

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| New England Tel. & Tel. Co. | 112.38 |
| Worcester County Elec. Co. | 496.71 |
| Faulkner Hardware Co. | 150.77 |
| Panther Oil & Grease Co. | 59.60 |
| Lewis E. Howlett | 45.20 |
| Hatch's Village Store | 162.07 |
| C. B. Dolge Co. | 108.09 |
| J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co. | 208.06 |
| Frank Bros. Paper Co. | 65.39 |
| Carter Paper Co. | 7.65 |

\$1,429.80

MAINTENANCE (Repairs)

| | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| I. E. Crosby | 170.00 |
| Warren Roofing Co. | 320.00 |
| S. C. Hicks | 75.00 |
| A. W. Cutler | 95.75 |
| Faulkner Hardware Co. | 22.64 |
| American Air Filter Co. | 195.51 |
| Brimfield Garage | 3.77 |
| Warka Television Shop | 6.25 |
| James Sheeran | 124.50 |
| Davis Refrigeration Co. | 14.00 |
| Joseph Van Hook | 19.20 |
| George Robbins | 92.12 |
| Joseph Blanchet & Sons | 259.68 |

\$1,398.42

LIBRARIES

| | |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Visual Curriculum Center | \$36.23 |
| Mills Music, Inc. | 15.00 |

\$51.23

HEALTH

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|
| American Surgical Supply | \$10.11 | |
| Verva Macumber | 650.00 | |
| Dr. Benjamin Schneider | 150.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$810.11 |

TRANSPORTATION

Elementary:

| | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Palmer Motor Coach Service, Inc. | \$2,725.00 | |
| Charles Wheeler | 8,724.28 | |
| Robert Morin | 16.50 | |
| Noah Fountain | 2,400.00 | |
| Andrew Gondek | 672.00 | |
| Harold Hitchcock | 64.80 | |
| | <hr/> | \$14,602.58 |

Tantasqua:

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Charles Wheeler | 2,303.84 | |
| Noah Fountain | 1,450.00 | |
| Palmer Motor Coach Service, Inc. | 2,000.00 | |
| Harold Hitchcock | 1,424.00 | |
| Robert Morin | 6.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$7,183.84 |
| | | \$21,786.42 |

MISCELLANEOUS (Auxiliary)

| | | |
|------------------|--------|---------|
| Homer L. Parker | \$5.00 | |
| Com. Pub. Safety | 10.00 | |
| Charles P. Day | 8.90 | |
| Percy Moore | 5.50 | |
| C. S. Hammond | 12.91 | |
| | <hr/> | \$42.31 |

NEW EQUIPMENT

| | |
|--------------|---------|
| Harry Thorin | \$40.32 |
|--------------|---------|

\$40.32

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

1955

| | 1955 Exp. | 1956 Est. |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| General expenses | \$3,288.96 | \$3,550.00 |
| Expenses of instruction | | |
| Teachers' salaries | 21,335.00 | 22,000.00 |
| Textbooks | 692.80 | 600.00 |
| Other (Supplies) | 593.80 | 750.00 |
| Expenses of operating | | |
| Wages of janitor | 3,000.00 | 3,200.00 |
| Fuel | 1,664.92 | 1,500.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,429.80 | 1,000.00 |
| Maintenance (Repairs) | 1,398.42 | 1,600.00 |
| Auxiliary agencies | | |
| Libraries | 51.23 | 100.00 |
| Health | 810.11 | 900.00 |
| Transportation | 21,786.42 | 21,900.00 |
| Elementary | 14,602.58 | 14,000.00 |
| Tantasqua | 7,183.84 | 7,900.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 42.31 | 200.00 |
| New Equipment | 40.32 | 200.00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$56,134.09 | \$57,500.00 |
| Total appropriation, 1955 | 58,325.00 | |
| Total expenditures, 1955 | 56,134.09 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Balance on hand, 1955 | | \$2,190.91 |

NET COST OF OPERATING BRIMFIELD
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1955

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Appropriation, 1955 | \$58,325.00 | |
| Less unexpended balance, 1955 | 2,190.91 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$56,134.09 |

Receipts:

From the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| General School Fund, Chap. 70 | \$18,058.82 | |
| Superintendent's salary and expenses, Chap. 71, s65 | 933.33 | |
| Transportation Chap. 71, s7A | 20,991.96 | |
| Tuition and transportation of State Wards | 2,058.24 | |
| Income that must be expended for the support of schools | 500.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total Receipts | | \$42,442.35 |
| | | <hr/> |
| NET COST TO BRIMFIELD | | \$13,691.74 |

TANTASQUA

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sturbridge, Massachusetts
ASSESSMENT TO MEMBER TOWNS

FOR THE YEAR 1956

I Debt Reduction

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Installment #4 on \$125,000 borrowed | \$7,000.00 |
|--------------------------------------|------------|

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Installment #3 on \$1,625,000 borrowed | 85,000.00 |
|--|-----------|

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Total 1956 Installment | 92,000.00 |
|------------------------|-----------|

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Less: State Share for 1956 | 54,448.31 |
|----------------------------|-----------|

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Amount to be assessed Member Towns | 37,551.69 |
|------------------------------------|-----------|

II Interest on Indebtedness

Due in 1956 on \$125,000.00

| | |
|--------------|------------|
| Bonds @ 2.4% | \$2,496.00 |
|--------------|------------|

Due in 1956 on \$1,625,000

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| Bonds @ 2.75% | 40,012.50 |
|---------------|-----------|

| | |
|--|-----------|
| | 42,508.50 |
|--|-----------|

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Amount to be assessed Member Towns | 42,508.50 |
|------------------------------------|-----------|

Total Debt and Interest to be assessed

| | |
|------------------|-------------|
| Member Town 1956 | \$80,060.19 |
|------------------|-------------|

III Distribution to Member Towns

Basis is the relation of each Town's Equalized Valuation (as determined by the Commonwealth) to the total Equalized Valuations of all Member Towns.

| Town | A Equal. Valuation | B Total Equal. Valuations | C Town's share Per. of of Debt Ser. based on Col. B per. |
|------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| | | | |
| Brimfield | \$1,178,600 | 19.61 | \$15,699.80 |
| Brookfield | 1,538,200 | 25.60 | 20,495.41 |
| Holland | 277,300 | 4.62 | 3,698.78 |
| Sturbridge | 2,593,200 | 43.18 | 34,569.99 |
| Wales | 419,600 | 6.99 | 5,596.21 |
| Totals | <hr/> \$6,006,900 | <hr/> 100.00 | <hr/> \$80,060.19 |

IV Operating Costs for 1956

General Administration

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Expenses | \$17,900 |
| Instructional Salaries | 156,950 |
| Instructional Expenses | 10,800 |
| Operation Costs | 33,700 |
| Maintenance | 2,750 |
| Auxiliary Agencies | 11,420 |
| Insurance | 4,000 |
| Contingency Account | 5,000 |
| Other Programs | 9,650 |

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Total Budgeted Costs | <hr/> \$252,170 |
|----------------------|-----------------|

Credits

| | |
|--|--------|
| Share of State Planning Reimbursement | 10,000 |
|--|--------|

| | | |
|---|-------|-----------|
| Income Tuition Pupils— 25 @ \$300 | 7,500 | |
| | | 17,500 |
| Total Operational Budget | | 234,670 |
| Capital Outlay | | 11,000 |
| Total Amount to be Assessed | | 245,670 |
| Approximate State Credit (Paid to Towns) (1949-54 average—47%) | | 115,464 |
| Net Cost to 5 Towns | | \$130,206 |

V Distribution to Member Towns

Basis is the relation of the number of each Town's registered pupils to the total registered pupils from all Member Towns.

| Town | A Registered Pupils Oct. 1, 1955 | B Per. Town's share of Total Registered Pupils | C Oper. Costs Based on Col. B. Per. |
|------------|---|---|--|
| | | | |
| Brimfield | 121 | 18.97 | \$46,603.60 |
| Brookfield | 160 | 25.08 | 61,614.04 |
| Holland | 45 | 7.05 | 17,319.73 |
| Sturbridge | 254 | 39.81 | 97,801.23 |
| Wales | 58 | 9.09 | 22,331.40 |
| Totals | 638 | 100.00 | \$245,670.00 |

December 14, 1955

Revised

REPORT OF TANTASQUA REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1955

Much progress was made during the year 1955 in the transition of Tantasqua from the "bricks and mortar" stage to an educational institution.

After a servere setback caused by the flood in August, the Auditorium-Gymnasium was put into operation in December for student assemblies, gym and basketball. While primarily for student use the Auditorium, the Gymnasium, and the Cafeteria are available for community assemblies, and your Committee hopes that they may be a source of pleasure and enlightenment for all residing in the Tantasqua District.

Adult Educational courses were first offered at a modest fee during the 1954-1955 school year and continue to be made available.

A Summer school for students who needed extra work to enable them to keep up with their class was operated in 1955, and accomplished its mission. Thirty-eight students were registered for thirteen different subjects. Thirty-three completed the work and received credit. The classes were conducted by two members of the faculty.

The first graduation exercises were held in the Auditorium in June and were followed by a reception to Seniors, in the Gymnasium.

The salary scale for teachers was found to be too low to attract new teachers and a new one was adopted during the year. The starting rate for those having a Bachelor's degree was increased from \$2,700 to \$3,000 per year.

During the year the District Treasurer, Richard E. Held resigned and G. Porter Brockway of Sturbridge was elected to serve.

Sub-committees have been engaged in special work during the year and have presented from to time reports for consideration of the Committee. These Sub-committees are: Construction and Maintenance, Education and Operation, Budgets, Transportation, Publicity and Events.

The construction contemplated as the first building project has been completed. Some progress has been made in the finished grading of the grounds and by Spring the baseball diamond should be completed. The football field, the track, and girls' athletic fields should be ready for use in the Fall.

There were five hundred forty-five pupils registered from the District on October 1, 1954. A year later the enrollment was six hundred thirty-eight. Based on the present elementary school enrollment it is apparent that the capacity of the school will soon be reached and your Committee is now giving consideration to this problem.

We record with deep regret the passing of Assistant Principal Henry W. Card of Brookfield, in November 1955. The Minutes of the Committee's meetings bear this testimony to his value to the School:

RESOLVED:

Since Henry W. Card has been a member of the staff at Tantasqua Regional High School since its establishment, and since he has been a loyal and conscientious teacher and administrator, always considering the best interests of the boys and girls before his own, and since his untimely death has deprived us of his valuable services, it is, therefore, resolved that the Tantasqua Regional District School Commit-

tee hereby incorporate in the record its feeling of distinct loss and sincere regret at his passing.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP R. PALAMOUNTAIN,
Chairman

RICHARD A. GODDARD,
Vice-Chairman

MRS. FRANCES B. GINN

RALPH H. HALL

MICHAEL MANTAK

ARTHUR PHENNER

WILLIAM C. TOWNS

MRS. IRENE WRIGHT

I hereby submit my second annual report as Superintendent of the Tantasqua Regional School District for the year 1955.

BUILDING PROGRAM

During the summer, the construction of the three school buildings was completed by the contractor. Work on the construction of the playing fields and landscaping is now in progress and present plans are that they will be completed during the coming Spring. The August 19 flood caused considerable damage to our auditorium-gymnasium building almost immediately following its completion by the contractor. The gym floor was completely ruined and had to be entirely replaced. Damage was sustained to all rooms and equipment in the basement of the building, the largest amount being suffered in the electrical transformer substation. Through

the F. C. D. A. and the Army Corps of Engineers, we have been reimbursed for most of the damage to the electrical substation and we have applied for reimbursement of the cost of replacing the gymnasium floor and other damage to the Mass. Flood Relief Board. The auditorium was put into service in October and the gym was put into use for the first time on December 22.

TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS

Regular transportation of pupils to school in the morning and home at the close of school is arranged by each town in the District for the pupils residing there. On three days a week, a late afternoon bus to each town is provide by the District to allow pupils to remain after the regular session for special help or to take part in athletics and other activities which cannot be carried on during the school day. Besides this, an additional bus has been leased to make it possible to carry on an athletic program. The bus is used to take teams to games, to take players to baseball practice, and to take players to the towns where they live after games or practice.

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment in Tantasqua High School in the Spring of 1955 was 540 and on October 1 this year was 664. The October 1 enrollment is divided as follows: Grade 7, 150; Grade 8, 151; Grade 9, 131; Grade 10, 100; Grade 11, 75; and Grade 12, 57. The total enrollment of the elementary grades in the five Tantasqua towns this fall was: Grade 6, 149; Grade 5, 146; Grade 4, 156; Grade 3, 191; Grade 2, 189; and Grade 1, 142. These figures indicate that if there is a small drop-out each year we can anticipate the following approximate enrollments in Tantasqua High School in the years ahead: 1956-57, 760; 1957-58, 850; 1958-59, 920; 1959-60, 986; 1960-61, 1020; 1961-62, 1013. There have been twenty-

six tuition pupils enrolled this year divided as follows: West Brookfield, 19; East Brookfield, 4; Warren, 2; and Palmer, 1. Since our present building was built for 700 pupils, the necessity for additional rooms in the near future is obvious.

LUNCH ROOM

The School lunch room is now serving hot lunches to about 525 pupils a day besides the milk which is available to those who prefer to bring their own lunch. At present, all students can be accommodated in two lunch periods of 30 minutes each. Our lunch program is operated under the supervision of, and receives a subsidy from, the Federal and State School Lunch Program.

STAFF CHANGES

During the first year of the operation of the Tantasqua Regional High School, the teaching and administrative staff numbered 32. Because of the large increase in enrollment in September 1955, it was necessary to employ six additional teachers. Other changes in the staff were brought about because teachers left for the following reasons: two teachers left to accept positions as university professors; one to be married; one to be near his home; two for higher paying positions; one preferred to teach in elementary school; and one, Henry W. Card, one of our Assistant Principals and former Principal of Brookfield High School, passed away in November. The teaching and administrative staff now numbers 39.

PROGRAM

The program of the high school of today is the result of the modern belief that we should offer free public secondary education to all the children of all the people. To do this effectively, a secondary school curriculum should provide a balanced comprehensive program. Tan-

tasqua High School attempts to provide such a program by including opportunities for learning in each of the broad fields at each grade level. Thus, a student may secure preparation so that he can make an acceptable beginning in (1) college or other higher institutions; (2) vocations in office work or other aspects of business; (3) homemaking; (4) vocations in agriculture and related fields; (5) work in distributive occupations; and (6) work in industry. Besides this special preparation, all students take part in a program of general education in which they have an opportunity to learn (1) the aspects of good citizenship in a democracy; (2) how to make the most of our complex living conditions today; (3) how to practice health and be physically fit; (4) how to use their leisure time well; and (5) how to become self-educating after they leave school.

The activity program has been expanding as fast as the physical facilities will allow. As soon as the gymnasium and auditorium were finished, activities such as dramatics, assemblies, athletics, and music were arranged. When the playing fields are completed it will be possible to add more. Now that the gym is available, intra-mural athletic teams have been organized for boys and girls. There are now twenty-two boys' basketball teams and thirty-seven girls' basketball teams. Every boy and girl in the school who indicated a desire to play is a member of a team and regardless of ability has an opportunity to play at least one half of each game in which his team participates. Varsity team members do not take part as players in intra-murals, but serve as referees or officials. The present number of boys and girls signed up for the intra-mural program is about 350.

Other present student activities include a student council, 32 hobby-type clubs, three student service organizations, inter-school baseball, basketball, cross country and track for boys. We have a senior high glee club of 100, a ninth grade chorus of 40, and a band of

31. The band played for Memorial Day last year in the towns of Wales, Holland, and Brimfield.

One of the unique and outstanding events of the year was the successful Viennese-Tantasqua joint art exhibit in November held at the International Friendship League rooms in Boston. The exhibit opened with a tea jointly sponsored by Mrs. Christian A. Herter, wife of the Governor of Massachusetts and Miss Tenley Albright, internationally known women's skating champion of the world. This was the culmination of many months of planning in our art classes. The Tantasqua art work is now on exhibit in Vienna, Austria through arrangements with the United States Office Information and the International Friendship League, and the Vienna Kuns-
tlerische Volkshochschule School exhibit is traveling in this country.

Some other events to be noted during this first year of the operation of the Tantasqua High School are:

(1) the first summer school in this area sponsored by a public high school was held at Tantasqua last summer. Thirty-eight students registered for six weeks make-up work in thirteen different subjects.

(2) an Adult Education program which started in March has been very successful as indicated by the registration of 120 persons in classes last Spring, and 92 persons in classes this past Fall.

(3) in June the first graduating class of thirty-nine students received diplomas in the new auditorium, and the first Tantasqua High School yearbook was published. It is to be noted that this Fall the book was granted a first place award for yearbooks of schools in our classification by the National Scholastic Press Association at Columbia University, New York.

(4) several Parents Nights have been held to pro-

vide opportunities for parents and teachers to discuss the progress of students. The most notable of these was the "Parents Go To School Night" held last November during American Education Week.

(5) in December, Tantasqua Regional High School was elected to membership in the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools after having satisfied the requirements and standards set by the Association. To continue membership, a school must maintain high standards in its curriculum and student services. This is determined through a periodical evaluation by a committee of the Association. Membership in the Association is a distinct advantage in securing admission of our students to college.

For your continued support and thoughtful consideration, and the loyal cooperation of the entire staff, I wish to express my appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. SCOTT

Superintendent

Januray 20, 1956

Town Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden, ss:

To the Town Clerk of Brimfield, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Brimfield qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Brimfield on Monday, the 5th day of March, 1956 at 12 o'clock noon, to act on the following:

Article 1. To give in their votes to the election officers on one ballot for the following Town Officers: Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, three Selectmen, Tree Warden, five Constables, one School Committeeman, and one Town Moderator, all for the term of one year; one member of the Board of Public Welfare, one School Committeeman, one Assessor, one Cemetery Commissioner, two Library Trustees, each for the term of three years.

The polls will open at twelve o'clock noon and will close at eight o'clock in the evening. All business of said meeting except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as by law are required to be elected or determined by ballot shall be considered after 8 p.m.

Article 2. To hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen by the Town and act thereon.

Article 3. To see what salaries the Town will allow its officers for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To raise and appropriate money for the support of various departments and activities of the Town, payment of debts and defraying of expenses of the ensuing year and direct how same shall be expended.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Compensation Insurance Fund together with a sum to be raised by taxation to purchase compensation for Town Employees

Article 6. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of the Warren, Old Palmer, Brookfield and Holland Roads under Chapter 90, to be used with the sums allotted by the State and County for the purpose

Article 8. To elect one trustee of the Harriet Harding Fund for three years.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Chapter 90 Construction to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State and County or both for the purpose.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1956 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for the period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17 Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of reimbursement of allotments made by the State and County for highways including bridges.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice in some convenient and public place of the Town fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town upon Tax Title Procedure, provided that the Selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such public auction, may reject any bid which they deem inadequate.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to be expended in the Town by the Hampden County Trustees for Aid to Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 128 Section 42.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Machinery Fund for the maintenance, care, replacement and purchase of town machinery for the ensuing year.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 to pay maturing bonds.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,900.00 to pay for the transportation of high school pupils to the Tantasqua Regional School or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract or contracts with one or more towns or combination of

towns in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 118B of the General Laws as amended, to form a Welfare District.

Article 18 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to be used by the youth of Brimfield for athletic and recreational purposes or take any other action thereon.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the school lunch program, or take any action thereon.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for work on the La-Flamme Road.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,102.05, being the excess of expenditures for flood damage repairs over the amount of reimbursement received from the Federal Government.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 to be used for Civil Defense.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$721.75 to make up the overdraft in the Veterans' Benefits accounts.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting copies thereof at the Town Hall and Post Office seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of meetings aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 6th day of February,
1956.

THEODORE W. SKOWYRA

RAYMOND D. CLARKE

Selectmen of Brimfield

A true copy

Attest Mabel B. Pierce

Town Clerk

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